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Fears for Light House as council set to axe £73k subsidy

CINEMA HIT BY FUNDING CUTS

By Peter Madeley

WOLVERHAMPTON'S only independent cinema is facing a battle to meet its running costs after its funding was cut by the city council.

The Light House Media Centre has been based at the Chubb Buildings in Fryer Street since 1987, screening films from around the world and hosting art and cinema exhibitions.

But last week bosses at Wolverhampton City Council announced plans to scrap the centre's £73,000 subsidy from April next year.

Light House chief executive Kelly Jeffs said she had been expecting a reduction in funding, but the loss of the entire subsidy had been 'a bitter pill to swallow'. She added: "Arts and culture were always going to receive the biggest swipe, but as an organisation we know we are highly valued, positively recognised and we remain as relevant and important to this city, more so now than ever before.

"We have always been very appreciative of the financial support received from the local authority but in light of this inevitable news, it is imperative we stay focused on our current audience development strategy.

Continue

"I am proud to say that our many customers and diverse community groups who regularly engage with us, not only invest in us economically but also invest in us emotionally.

"My team, the board of trustees and I will do our utmost to continue to provide an independent cinema programme, arts venue and a vibrant, thriving cultural destination for the city of Wolverhampton." Mrs Jeffs added that the Light House was now 'totally focused' on fundraising efforts to make up for the shortfall.

The Light House is one of a number of cultural venues to feel the force of the council's latest cuts. The Grand Theatre will lose its grant of £248,000 over the next two years.

Finance chief Councillor Andrew Johnson said he wanted to see the Light House emulate the Grand in developing a more commercial outlook, so that both venues can 'stand on their own feet'. He added: "The Grand is putting on some really great shows and increasing their commercial opportunities. We need to get the Light House in the same place."

The Light House has organised a number of events in the coming weeks, including a late-night party on Saturday featuring a screening of the film Amy and a poster fundraiser on July 30. For details, visit light-house.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 716055.

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'EVIL ACT' LEAVES UNBEARABLE PAIN ON FAMILY

THEY stayed together and protected each other right up until the end. But the grandfather, his son and grandson were killed in an 'evil act', which has left their family with 'unbearable' pain.

Saddlers fans Pat Evans, Adrian Evans and Joel Richards had travelled to Tunisia for a family lads' break.

But they were murdered within 24 hours of arriving at their beach resort with Joel's 16-year-old Owen the only survivor of the family trip.

Their heartbroken family and community have been ripped apart by the tragedy and hundreds turned out to pay their respects as the trio were laid to rest in West Bromwich on Friday.

As the hearses approached Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, floral tributes spelling out the names Pat, Ade and Joel could be seen before family and friends including Owen, aged 16, his mother Suzanne and grandmother Maureen made their way inside.

An order of service featured a photograph of 19-year-old Joel, Adrian, a 49-year-old gas service manager and 78-year-old Pat aboard the plane to Tunisia. It was handed out to mourners.

The service opened to the sound of Smile by Frank Sinatra and included the hymn Amazing Grace and the poem Together Forever. There were also emotional tributes from family friend Amanda Churchill who spoke of the trio's friendship.

Privilege

Adrian Scarrott, director of neighbourhood services at Sandwell Council, paid tribute to his colleague Adrian.

"It was a great privilege to work with Adrian. I was really lucky to have Adrian on my team. I like to think all colleagues of Adrian were also his friends. If I was to use sporting terms, which seems appropriate, Adrian would be one of my first picks. If it was a football team he would be my main centre half. Nothing could get past Adrian," said Mr Scarrott.

Joel, a University of Worcester student and talented football referee, from Wednesbury, is believed to be the youngest of the British victims. Mike Penn from the Birmingham County FA said he believed Joel was destined to go to the very top of refereeing and would have officiated games in the Premier League. The University of Worcester student was among only a handful of young referees to be fast-tracked to Level 4 status.

"Everyone who knew Joel knew his infectious smile, if he smiled, you smiled. He was an extremely talented referee, there is no doubt Joel would have reached the top of the refereeing ladder," he said.

Addressing the church congregation, and around 200 people listening outside, Monsignor Bruce Harbert spoke about the men's horrific murder in the resort of Sousse three weeks ago.

"What happened to them is part of a much larger picture, a global conflict," he said. "Jesus taught, over and over again, that religion is not a matter of obeying rules, but of loving God and our fellow human beings."

Paying tribute to all three victims, the clergyman said: "Even in their last moments they stayed together, seeking to protect each other, a true Christian family to the end." Scores of mourners had lined the road to pay their respects as the funeral cortège arrived at the church in Hall Green Road.

West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey was among those who attended the church service. He said: "It is an incredibly sad day and I am here to give what support the family needs. They were a very important part of our local community."

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Family members weep at the funeral of Pat Evans, Adrian Evans and Joel Richards

The victims pictured on the aeroplane on their way to holiday

CARE

Homes closure bid puts 97 jobs at risk

TWO care homes that employ 97 staff looking after 10 long-stay residents are facing closure, with all the jobs at risk.

Wolverhampton City Council wants to close Merry Hill House in Langley Road, Merry Hill, and Nelson Mandela House in Whitburn Close, Pendeford, and have their services picked up by outside providers.

Day-care services at Woden Resource Centre in Wednesfield will also be lost under the plans, which will save the local authority £2.6 million. The council's cabinet were last night being asked to approve a formal period of consultation on the plans.

PLANNING

New proposals for derelict pub

PLANS have been drawn up to transform a derelict Wolverhampton pub into two care homes under a £3 million scheme that will create 45 jobs.

Select Healthcare Developments has lodged plans with Wolverhampton City Council for the new development at the old Monkey House pub in Kent Road.

In 2009, planning permission was granted to turn the pub into four homes for adults with learning or physical disabilities, but work was never started. The pub has been closed since 2008.

RESCUE

Lifeguards pull man from pool

LIFEGUARDS pulled a motionless man from a city pool and performed CPR on him before paramedics arrived.

The man had been swimming lengths at Central Baths in Wolverhampton when lifeguards noticed he was underneath the water and motionless.

Council spokesman Tim Clark said: "They immediately jumped into the pool and performed full CPR and defibrillation at poolside."

They believe the man is a regular customer at the baths, which was closed for the rest of the day on Thursday last week. The man was taken to New Cross Hospital.

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Family tree hunt search for clues

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U-turn over blood collection closure

HEALTH bosses have back-tracked over plans to shut down a city blood collection service amid claims the notice of closure was 'poorly thought out and poorly delivered'.

Visitors to the Ashmore Park Medical Centre had been greeted with a sign taped to a waiting room door announcing the closure of the phlebotomy service from August 3.

The sign – which featured no contact details or reasons behind the planned closure – has been described as 'amateurish and confusing' by a city councillor. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has now decided that the service will continue to run from the centre for at least the next three months.

Richard Radcliffe, head of communications at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, said: "A decision was taken to close the phlebotomy service due to low take up.

"Following further discussions the service will continue to run from the Ashmore Park Medical Centre. The decision will be reviewed again in three months time."

But Wednesfield North city Councillor Phil Page has branded the way the trust communicated the closure as 'a complete disgrace'.

"It is good news that the service will stay in Ashmore Park for now but the way this has been handled has been absolutely pathetic," he said.

"Using a scruffy notice taped to a door to inform patients about the closure of a key service is amateurish. The sign was confusing, had no details of who to contact and did not bear the emblem of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

"I would expect an organisation as big as the NHS would have a proper communications strategy but that is clearly not the case. This whole episode was poorly thought out and poorly delivered.

"The extra three months will give us some breathing room but the trust should really give more thought to how it communicates decisions to its patients."

Ashmore Park Medical Centre on Griffiths Drive caters for around 8,000 patients. The trust's next board meeting is in September.

Warning over 'more painful' cuts to come

LIBRARIES face closure and children's services will lose million of pounds under 'painful' new cuts and savings planned by Wolverhampton council.

Grants for the Grand Theatre and services for older people are also in the firing line as council officers try to find savings.

Hundreds of jobs will go under the latest measures being drawn up as part of five years worth of austerity measures to save £134 million. Councillors warned 'there is more pain to come'.

Bosses at the Labour-run authority are laying out £16.9 million worth of those cuts to come in 2016/17. They still have to find a further £5.1m worth for next year.

The measures will see the city's 16 libraries lose £500,000 of their remaining £1.7m a year funding. Central Library may even have its opening hours reduced.

Cameras

Other cuts outlined by the authority include: £4.3m from 'restructuring' children's services, £820,000 from older people's services, £248,000 in grants for the Grand Theatre cut over two years and £73,000 cut from the Light House Media Centre.

More bus lane cameras should bring in an extra £150,000 in fines, while there would be less frequent cleaning of residential streets to concentrate on 'litter hotspots'. A further £100,000 a year will be made from on-street parking near New Cross Hospital and around 50 jobs axed in customer services.

However, the council stressed it was £6.9 million better off than it had expected to be following cuts and savings already made. Around 1,200 people have already left the council through redundancy, retirement or finding jobs elsewhere.

The council still has to make £46m worth of cuts over three years and warned that may go up if the Government cuts its funding even further. The ruling cabinet was set to vote on the latest savings yesterday (Wednesday).

Finance chief Councillor Andrew Johnson said: "Making cuts is a painful process and unfortunately there is more pain to come."

New rotary president installed

Robin Morrison, right, receives the chain of office from past president Ernie Edwards

A RETIRED local authority civil engineer and former head of Blaenau Gwent County Council has been installed as the new president of the Rotary Club of Tettenhall.

Past president Ernie Edwards presented the chain of office to Robin Morrison in a ceremony at the Mount Hotel.

Robin was educated at King Edward's school in Stourbridge and read civil engineering at Birmingham University. He started his career as a graduate engineer at Dudley Council and moved to various local authorities throughout the country.

He was appointed chief executive of Blaenau Gwent County Council, in South Wales, in 2002 and held that position until he retired in 2012.

He moved back to Wolverhampton the same year. He is married to Jenny, has one daughter, Katy, and lives in Tettenhall. He is an active member of both Bilston Operatic Company and Brierley Hill Musical Theatre and also is Healthwatch chairman for Staffordshire.

He said he was looking forward to his year as Rotary present making a contribution to not only the community in Tettenhall but also the whole of the city of Wolverhampton.

Regular use of outdoor area at pub is refused

A NIGHTSPOT in Wolverhampton has had its bid to use an outdoor area on a regular basis refused after police flagged up security concerns.

Bosses at The Prince Albert had asked the city council for a temporary event notice to allow revellers use of the area.

But West Midlands Police described the perimeter of the venue as vulnerable at a licensing hearing recently.

It also emerged there had been an incident near the Railway Street nightspot on Sunday, June 14, when a man was stabbed after hours. General manager Sarah-Emma Hughes said there was no proof a knife had been in the venue before the attack.

The venue holds 200 people on the ground floor, 150 on the first floor, 155 on the outside terrace and 55 in a VIP area.

Miss Hughes was asked if the application meant the Prince Albert was looking to increase its capacity. She said opening up the outside arena to 300 people would ease the flow of people around the venue, reduce noise pollution and allow three more security staff to be employed.

"It's not necessarily a means of getting more people into the venue but a means of allowing the people here more space," she said.

"We're not going to have an increase of people, there will be no extra marketing, no extra DJs"

Councillors rejected the nightspot's application based on the incident.

Murder suspect on Interpol list

A BUSINESSMAN wanted in connection with the murder of a Wolverhampton hotel owner in India has been added to Interpol's most wanted list.

India Police are seeking Baldev Deol after the body of Ranjit Singh Power, owner of the Ramada Park Hall Hotel, was found in a canal in the Ropar District.

Interpol has issued a red notice for Deol which seeks to find, arrest, and extradite individuals.

Mr Power went missing while on a business trip to meet Deol, who was a friend, to complete a property deal in Punjab.

Punjab Police have already arrested Deol's driver in India Sukhdev Singh, who is also his nephew, and charged him with kidnap and murder.

Relatives of dead man are sought

WOLVERHAMPTON council want to trace the relatives of man.

Osker Fahcel, from Wolverhampton, was 56 when he died.

Contact Elaine Thursfield on 01902 555740 or email elaine.thursfield@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Wolves: No grounds to lift ban on Liquidator

WOLVES have said they have no plans to play terrace anthem "The Liquidator" this season after an online petition was launched to lift the ban.

Fan Jason Haycock has set up the petition on change.org calling on West Midlands Police to lift the ban on playing the track. It has been signed by more than 1,760 people.

However, the club has confirmed it was a decision taken by them, not the police.

The club stopped playing the pre-match track after sections were hijacked by supporters to shout obscenities.

The petition states: "Many English clubs still continue to play this song as a way of rousing the crowd at their stadiums. For reasons known only to West Midlands Police it was banned at Molineux but not The Hawthorns amongst many other grounds. It's synonymous with Wolves and we should work together to get the ban lifted and get part of our club back!"

Club spokesman Matt Grayson, said: "We know some fans would like the Liquidator to return and we're always addressing questions on the topic.

"We're a family club and the fact is that when we play the Liquidator it unfortunately results in bad language.

"On that basis, there's no change to the club's position and we have no plans to play the Liquidator this season.

"First and foremost, it's the club's decision and it isn't a police matter."

Seek help plea on debt worries

WOLVERHAMPTON residents owing council tax have been advised to seek help to overcome debt problems.

As the city council chases more than £10m of unpaid council tax, National Debtline is urging people to seek advice.

A total of 337 calls were made from the Wolverhampton area to the charity last year for advice on resolving their financial woes.

Joanna Elson OBE, chief executive of the Money Advice Trust, the charity that runs National Debtline, said: "The fact that Wolverhampton residents owe £10 million makes us concerned that many more people in the area are struggling alone. I urge anyone struggling to make payments to contact National Debtline."

Gift shop to run a charity event

THE Ace of Cards gift shop is holding a charity day on August 1 to support Compton Hospice and Sands, the stillbirth organisation.

The event runs from 11.30am-3.30pm in Upper Villiers Street.

Signed Temper art available at gallery

Artwork based on Sgt Pepper

SIGNED limited edition works from a Wolverhampton-born graffiti artist have hit the shelves at a city gallery.

A collection of rare Temper artworks are now available at Castle Galleries, with his acclaimed 'cover:versions' collection reinvigorated with custom-made frames created from vinyl records.

Using 36 records to create the mould, the handmade frames each take three days to create and were designed by Temper to complement his music-inspired collection. A range of original pieces painted on individual vinyls will also be available to buy.

Temper, who was signed by Midlands-based art publishers Washington Green in 2014, was the first graffiti artist ever to be awarded a solo show in a major public gallery.

He said: "Album covers were like an art gallery to me as a child, they had a magic about them that would transport me to another place; it provided me with a playground for my creativity."

The works have been inspired by album covers including The Beatles' 'Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band', The Verve's 'Urban Hyms', The Who's 'Who's Next', and Led Zepplin's 'Physical Graffiti'.

For more information visit www.castlegalleries.com

Graffiti artist Temper

Plans submitted for facelift of Civic Halls

PLANS to redevelop Wolverhampton's Civic Halls have been formally lodged.

The city council has submitted the application for the £10.4m facelift of the Civic and Wulfrun. It will see an increased capacity at both venues as well as new toilets and bars.

The halls will be able to accommodate a combined 5,000 people once the work, set to start early next year and scheduled to be completed by mid-2017, is done.

Bosses have said they hope that increasing the size of the stages at both venues will enable them to put on bigger productions and tours which the venues cannot currently attract.

Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy, said: "The refurbishment of these venues will open up further opportunities for hosting conferences and putting on bigger and more diverse shows, as well as diversifying into new areas, such as business conferencing.

"There is huge potential for attracting new audiences from across the UK to live events and music, festivals, the arts, culture and night life.

Balcony

"The improved facilities will attract even more visitors to Wolverhampton city centre and the wider sub-region resulting in the creation of more jobs in the local economy."

International property and construction consultancy company, Gleeds, has been appointed to project manage the works on the Grade II-listed venues.

Under the plans, the Civic Hall will be given a second balcony – increasing capacity by 600, while the Wulfrun Hall will also get a balcony to boost its numbers by 200.

Access arrangements for disabled visitors will also be upgraded as part of the revamp.

There will be a phased re-opening of the venues but they will still be open to accommodate the hugely popular Grand Slam of Darts in November 2016.

The refurbishment of the Civic and Wulfrun Halls will be funded by £6.2 million from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal and £4.2 million from Wolverhampton City Council.

Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP Chair, said: "The Civic Halls refurbishment will improve a much-loved cultural venue and attract more events and visitors."

From left, Councillor Steve Evans and competition winners Jasmine Johnson, aged 10, and Sophie Rolfe, aged seven

Children clean up in poster contest

TWO Wolverhampton schoolgirls have joined the fight against litter by designing posters for display on the sides of the city's bin lorries.

Jasmine Johnson, aged 10, from Loxdale Primary and Sophie Rolfe, seven, of Castlecroft Primary, won the council-run competition – part of its Operation Spring Clean Campaign – to have their designs enlarged and placed on 19 wagons.

Bin lorries sporting the posters took to the streets for the first time last week.

Jasmine's design features a basketball player standing next to a bin filled with rubbish and the strapline 'Slam Dunk the Junk'.

Sophie's design carries the message 'Keep Wolverhampton Tidy' and shows two children picking up litter and placing it in a bin.

Children were asked to produce a design to get the message across that litter wasn't welcome in the city.

Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city environment, said: "It is extremely encouraging that our young people are getting behind the council's efforts to create a cleaner, greener, better Wolverhampton."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Extra patrols key to reduced crime

CRIME figures dropped in a Wolverhampton neighbourhood last month, new figures have revealed.

The Penn and Merry Hill areas saw one burglary, in Trysull Road, and two vehicles broken into in June.

Police say the statistics are evidence that increased patrols in the area are helping to reduce crime.

Sergeant Ron Price from the Penn and Merry Hill Neighbourhood Police team said: "The figures are excellent."

He warned residents to be particularly vigilant during the summer months.

Jobs boost with new cocktail bar

A NEW cocktail bar and Indian restaurant will open in Wolverhampton, with the creation of 15 new jobs.

Following a £50,000 investment, Kalpana Cocktail Bar and Dining will open in Fold Street.

Kalpana means 'fantasy' in Sanskrit. The venue spans across two floors – the first is dedicated exclusively to cocktails and Indian tapas, while on the second floor diners can enjoy an a la carte menu.

The second floor can also be hired out for private dining, parties and corporate functions.

Chance to meet up with artists

ART lovers can meet two leading Midlands artists during a 'creative afternoon' this weekend.

Wolverhampton Art Gallery will welcome David Bethell and Adam Kossoff, who are both currently exhibiting their work at the Lichfield Street Gallery, on Saturday.

David will take part in a panel discussion from 2-3pm and Adam will host a talk and tour of his show from 3-4pm. For more, call 01902 552055 or visit www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk

Warnings issued to drivers over speeds

MORE than 70 motorists were sent warning letters for speeding in Wolverhampton.

Following calls from Wednesfield North councillor Phil Bateman that a speedwatch patrol be carried out on Broad Lane North and South, Linthouse Lane and Kitchen Lane, motorists were warned to keep an eye on their speed in future.

Councillor Bateman said: "The speed that some drivers achieve is very aggressive."

Shirt sponsor wanted

A WOLVERHAMPTON women's football team is looking for a new sponsor for the upcoming season. Newly promoted Wednesfield FC Ladies wants a home shirt sponsor for the BCWL Premier Division campaign. Contact the club via Facebook or email evorich@live.co.uk

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AS the Greek tragedy drags on a reader writes: "Have you noticed, when spoken quickly, how "euros" sounds just like like "IOUs"?

BROTHERS, let us build the New Jerusalem on brownfield sites. Let us streamline the planning laws to allow all the houses we need to be constructed on the disused land of old factories, railway yards or quarries. The Government has spelt out its vision What could possibly go wrong?

I'LL tell you what could go wrong. I was once shown an old Coal Board map of the known pit shafts, some more than 200 years old, in the Black Country. There were hundreds. In theory, the shafts were all sealed. In reality, some were covered with a few wooden planks and a load of soil. The moment you start digging into brownfield sites, you may hit all sorts of nasties. Pit shafts are merely one worry. It is not unknown for 21st century developers to discover 19th century cyanide lagoons. Occasionally, a vehicle plummets into an unknown chamber covered by turf. If Whitehall tears up the planning laws tomorrow, do not expect developers to rush for brownfield sites. They much prefer the predictable security of a nice green field.

IN a mean-spirited article for the Guardian, Jonathan Jones slagged off the official photographs of Princes Charlotte's christening, ridiculing "their faces lit up by hysterical joy, their hair wispy in the sun, their teeth shining like diamond walls of privilege, and their eyes betraying no signs of thought whatsoever." In other words, the perfect christening snaps. It may come as news to the Guardian but most parents and grandparents want pictures showing their brood at its best, even if it does not reflect the absolute truth. This is why so many homes have framed photographs of Gavin on graduation day, proudly attired in gown and mortar board and clutching £27,000 worth of 2:2 BA in Media Studies. The truth is that Gavin spent most of his time at Uni face-down in an alcoholic haze and eventually landed a washing-up job at the abattoir. But who wants photos of all that? Family snaps are propaganda, not gospel.

A NEIGHBOUR told me she was expecting a bumper crop of gooseberries this year and seemed surprised when I grimaced. Seriously, does anyone really enjoy gooseberries? My stomach turns at the very thought of the texture, the taste and those obscene little prickles. It's like biting into a hairy eyeball with the aftertaste of earwax.

The neighbour says a pot of her gooseberry jam will change my mind. Wanna bet? And do not get me started on guacamole.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Staff welcome government support

CHANCELLOR George Osborne has vowed to do 'everything he can' to help 330 Goodyear workers threatened with losing their jobs.

Mr Osborne said he was 'all ears' to hear what ideas business leaders, politicians and workers had to help the workers. He was contacted by Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds after the American tyre giant revealed it was closing its factory in the city after 90 years. The Chancellor said: "It is a tough situation but I am all ears."

"Goodyear is an iconic brand in Wolverhampton. If the worst comes and they do lose their jobs then we will work extremely hard to do everything we can for those affected."

His pledge of support was welcomed by staff. Sharon Devaney, 49, from Wednesfield, is part of the campaign to save Goodyear and her husband Wayne has worked at the plant for 27 years.

She said: "It's the first time a Government minister has spoken about Goodyear, so it's great to hear a response. It is very promising."

John Holloway, aged 50, from Wheaton Aston, said: "The more support we can get on board the better."

Robert Theaker, 52, of Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton, said although it was 'pleasing' to hear about Government support, he fears the firm will stand by its decision to close.

Workers union Unite is planning to hold a series of meetings with Goodyear bosses, while a taskforce of council chiefs, education providers and job experts has also been set up to support the workers.

Goodyear workers' new job offer – in Mexico

By Peter Madeley

GOODYEAR is offering workers set to be laid off at its Wolverhampton tyre factory the chance to apply for new jobs – in Mexico.

Last month the firm announced it is closing its site on Bushbury Lane with the loss of 330 jobs by 2017.

But this week a notice appeared on the factory floor offering beleaguered staff further opportunities with the firm more than 4,000 miles away at its new tyre plant in Central America.

The advert has been described as a 'kick in the teeth' by staff and 'crazy' by union bosses.

It invites workers the chance to apply for positions in the human resources, production and quality departments at the Mexican plant, which is set to open at the same time the Wolverhampton site closes.

One worker, who asked not to be named, said: "It's a bit daunting when you consider they are laying off everyone here and we're being told we can apply for jobs in Mexico.

Joke

"It's a bit of a kick in the teeth at a time when we're still holding out in the hope we can save our jobs here."

Another worker said: "We all thought it was a joke at first, but it's legitimate.

"The site in Mexico opens at the same time we are closing down, but I don't think any of us will be upping sticks to go over there for work."

Wolverhampton South East MP Emma Reynolds said: "If this is the case it is unacceptable and ridiculous that they should expect staff to move to Mexico to keep their jobs."

Andy Taylor, regional officer for Unite, said: "This is crazy.

"For most of the workforce in Wolverhampton moving over there would be a completely unreasonable proposition."

The plant in Mexico is expected to cost around $550million and will be based in the central state of San Luis Potosi. It will employ 1,000 workers.

Dear Mr President, can you help?

Wayne Devaney, who has written Barack Obama over the Goodyear closure

A GOODYEAR worker has written to US President Barack Obama asking him to help prevent the tyre firm's Wolverhampton factory from closing.

Wayne Devaney, one of 330 people set to lose their jobs at the Bushbury Lane site by 2017, wrote to the President bemoaning the lack of loyalty showed by company bosses.

Union chiefs have already started a battle against the closure, but Mr Devaney, of Yale Drive, Wednesfield, went one step higher.

His letter reads: "We are one of the most flexible workforces in the world. We are loyal, hardworking and, we believe we are the best. Why shut us down?

"Sadly there is no loyalty in business it seems. We believe the company is acting unfairly.

"I ask you sir is there anything you can do to help us please?"

Mr Devaney, 53, has been working with Goodyear for more than 25 years.

More than 800 people have signed a petition set up by staff on change.org, which will eventually be sent to David Cameron.

Mr Devaney said: "I don't want us to go out with a whimper.

"Rather than starting from the bottom and only getting coverage before it is too late, we wanted to start at the top, with the people who really can make a difference.

"What kind of message does this send out to young people? You can work hard, meet your targets, be a fantastic workforce and after all of this, you are going to lose your job."

City school art courses outshine all the rest

WOLVERHAMPTON Grammar School has won an award for the superior quality of its art and design courses.

The Compton Road school was praised at the 2015 Good Schools Guide Awards for out-performing all other English schools and displaying 'excellent performance' in the subject at GCSE.

The awards, which is now in its eighth year, uses detailed analysis of the most recent exam results in a bid to highlight consistently good teaching across the country.

Head of art at Wolverhampton Grammar School, James Millichamp, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be acknowledged in this way.

"As a school that performs in the top two per cent nationally for art, it's great to be recognised by the Good Schools Guide.

"A combination of hard work, small set sizes and our dedicated gallery space creates the perfect working environment for girls and boys at the school to create outstanding pieces of art."

The GSG based its conclusions on the popularity and performance of the subject, outright performance and the numbers of pupils taking the subject.

Ralph Lucas, editor of The Good Schools Guide, said: "Our annual awards scheme is designed to recognise and reward excellence in teaching in every subject area at both GCSE and A Level or equivalent.

The GSG is the largest independent guide to UK schools.

College call for hair apprentices

BUDDING stylists are being sought to enrol on a hairdressing programme run by City of Wolverhampton College.

Places are available on apprenticeship schemes in Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Telford and Walsall.

Successful applicants can gain an NVQ in hairdressing while earning a wage and gain experience at the same time by working alongside experienced staff in a salon.

Apprentices work four to five days a week in the salon and attend one of the college's three state-of-the-art training salons once a week to learn new techniques and attend theory lessons.

To find out more call 01902 837163 or visit wolvcoll.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies/

Folk singer Thea to perform at Wulfrun

FOLK singer-songwriter Thea Gilmore is to perform at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on November 18.

The 35-year-old musician's latest album Ghosts & Graffiti was released in May and made the UK Album chart Top 40.

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Scheme is looking to boost jobs in the city

A SCHEME will aim to boost jobs and fill empty shops in Wolverhampton.

Business in the Community announced a further 34 new areas had been added to the Healthy High Streets programme, including Wolverhampton.

The Wolverhampton Business Improvement District (BID) applied for the scheme, which aims to increase footfall by 10 per cent, reduce the number of vacant properties by 20 per cent, and stimulate the creation of new jobs.

Director Cherry Shine said: "It is absolutely fantastic news for the BID team. We are a new BID, only launched in April, and have a fantastic programme of initiatives we would like to deliver.

"We thought it was a great opportunity to bolster those projects and take advantage of the networks it provides, and give us a good grounding.

"With places like Marks and Spencer and Greggs involved, we can only learn from their best practice really."

The next step is to meet with the Business in the Community team, and develop an action plan to 'tackle the issues in the city centre'.

The programme is backed by some of the UK's biggest high street brands, and since its launch last June has brought support and resources worth £9 million from its corporate partners into 33 UK high streets.

The final 33 areas will be chosen next year, bringing the total to 100.

£28,000 boost to help develop skills

A WOMEN'S charity has been given a £28,000 grant to run a new project helping users develop health and holistic skills.

Aspiring Futures in Wolverhampton, will use the cash to develop its taster beauty courses and salon into a financially-independent beauty and art academy.

It is estimated the investment will offer training opportunities to 200 women.

The funding has come from NatWest's Skills and Opportunities Fund, with judges choosing Aspire as one of 15 successful candidates from over 1,000 applicants.

Sofia Haider, founding director of Aspiring Futures, said: "We are excited to work with NatWest."

Free activities during holidays

YOUNG people can enjoy free games and team building activities during the school holidays in Perton.

Staffordshire Fire Service will set up its SreetStadia in Anders Square on July 21, August 11 and August 28.

Children pass out as junior cadets

The cadets with their certificates

STAFFORDSHIRE Police gained some new recruits after youngsters in Codsall graduated from their Junior Cadet Scheme.

St Christopher's Catholic Primary School rewarded 10 of its youngsters with a badge and certificate at a special 'passing out parade' in front of parents and fellows pupils.

Weekly sessions were led by a group of local Police Community Support Officers, with children taking part during break times at school.

They covered areas of police work including good behaviour, road safety, school security, police investigations and anti-social behaviour.

Headteacher Karl Babarzci said: "I'm really proud of the children who took part in this brilliant scheme, which teaches the youngsters key values such as respect and good citizenship.

"They will be wearing their special cadet badges around school next term and will be given additional responsibilities such as helping other children now they have passed the cadet scheme."

Participant Sophie Spilsbury, 10, from Pendeford, said: "My favourite part was having a go on the police radios and speaking to the control room. We got to pretend we were reporting a stolen car which was good fun.

"I now want to be a policewoman when I grow up. It has taught me that police will always be there if you need them."

The new police cadet's scheme was introduced by Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis. It is aimed at eight to 10-year-olds, in primary schools across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Mother left son, 5, at home to go on outing

A FIVE-year-old boy was locked in a house in Wolverhampton by his mother and her partner and told not to answer the door while they enjoyed a day out.

The couple left the lad sandwiches, a cup of water and a cup of milk.

They then boarded a train with their baby for a day out, with the 25-year-old mother later refusing to answer phone calls from a family support worker who had found her other child home alone.

The support worker spent 45 minutes parked outside the property waiting for a social worker to arrive before knocking on the door around 1.30pm on April 30 last year.

After some time, the boy appeared at a window and had a conversation with the support worker who alerted police after the boy revealed he had been banned from opening the door.

Miss Jabdeen Akhtar, prosecuting at Wolverhampton Crown Court, said: "Several attempts were made to contact the mother by phone but she either hung up or did not answer."

Quizzed

Police were called to break into the address, took the boy into care for his own protection and drove him to New Cross Hospital for a check-up. Doctors discovered eczema all over his body that had not been properly treated.

The couple were quizzed by police several days later and denied going out together but CCTV film showing them boarding the train to Birmingham with their baby revealed they had lied. Neither had bonded with the older boy who was not the natural child of the 27-year-old man, it was said.

The five-year-old's mother had a caution for child abandonment involving the boy in 2011 after which he was taken into care. He had subsequently been returned to her but is now being cared for by foster parents. She does not intend to oppose their application for a guardianship order. The mother and her partner both admitted abandonment of a child in a manner likely to cause suffering.

She was given a four-month prison sentence suspended for two years while he received a 12-month community order with 150 hours unpaid work and a 17-week night-time curfew.

Judge John Warner said: " Fortunately he now has prospects and the hope of a better future."

Special guest visits girls' school

Dr Helen Pankhurst, a direct descendant of suffragettes Sylvia and Emmeline Pankhurst during her visit to Wol-

A DESCENDANT of the leader of the world famous Suffrage movement paid a visit to a school where pupils raised more than £1,000 to improve access to water for girls overseas.

Generous pupils at Wolverhampton Girls' High School held a sponsored walk to raise £1,112 for Walk in Her Shoes campaign set up by the charity Care International to improve education for females in the poorest countries.

And, after pupils won a competition run by the charity, Dr Helen Pankhurst paid a visit to the Tettenhall Road site to thank the pupils and talk to them about the importance of equal rights.

She is the great-granddaughter of suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst and the granddaughter of Sylvia Pankhurst who fought for women's right to vote in the early 1900s.

"I have this heritage which is great, but there is still work to be done. The name does help because people are interested in the story. Anywhere I go people are still interested in the suffragettes. Hopefully we can continue to campaign for change," Dr Pankhurst said.

"The situation is critical. We still have inequality for women who bear the brunt of domestic work and get married off at the age of 14 to people who are 10 years older than them."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Doors open for free school pupils

A NEW free school in Wolverhampton has opened its doors to its first intake of students.

The British Sikh School is set to open in September at the site of the former Parkfield High School.

The first batch of Year 7 students completed their inductions and met staff at an open day last month.

Principal Raminder Vig said: "It was wonderful to have met with our first cohort of students."

The school will operate with a Sikh ethos but is open to students of all faiths or none.

Party to celebrate Amy documentary

A TRIBUTE party will be held alongside screenings of the Amy Winehouse story at Wolverhampton's Lighthouse Media Centre.

The documentary 'Amy' will be shown for one week from tomorrow (Friday). The following night, a tribute party will celebrate Amy Winehouse and NewMod, Soul and Motown, with live vocalists, Northern Soul DJs and a dance floor in the courtyard.

Cost is £10, including the Amy screening ticket and entry to the party. Visit www.light-house.co.uk or call 01902 716 055.

Warning on signs of breast cancer

OLDER women in Wolverhampton should look out for some of the less well known signs of breast cancer.

The Be Clear on Cancer campaign is being run to alert women, aged 70 and over, that nearly a third of women diagnosed with breast cancer report a symptom other than a lump.

Dr Lola Abudu, from Public Health England West Midlands, said: "It's really important to check breasts regularly– and not just for lumps." Be Clear on Cancer runs to September 6.

Water works likely to cause road delays

MOTORISTS will face delays as a diversion is put in place at a major road in Wolverhampton this weekend.

Drivers will see disruption at Birmingham Road in the southbound direction and will be unable to turn right in to Grove Street.

The 24-hour closures will be in place from July 25-27 for water works.

A diversion will be in place at Birmingham Road, to Thompson Avenue, Parkfield Road and Dudley Road to the junction of Grove Street.

Walk for dreams

A NINE-mile sponsored walk will raise funds for the Promise Dreams charity. The Walk for Dreams starts from Himley Hall at 11am on Sunday, September 13 and finishes at Wolverhampton Racecourse. It is free to enter at the www.walkfordreams.co.uk website.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

The not so beautiful aspect of our game

IT hasn't been a great week for the Beautiful Game. We've had Raheem Sterling jumping up and down like a spoiled child because of Liverpool's reluctance to let him join moneybags Manchester City.

Then, Villa captain Fabian Delph decided to take a slice of Sheikh Mansoor's money, days after issuing a heartfelt pledge of loyalty and undying love for Tim Sherwood's side.

In an ideal world, Roy Hodgson would say that neither of these mercenaries would ever pull on the England shirt again, but we all know that is not going to happen. We now have radio pundits who trot out the old "no loyalty in football" cliché as if it something we should commend.

Then we come to West Bromwich Albion's new boy James McLean, who decided to voice his disapproval for all things English by turning his back on the St George's flag and refusing to sing the national anthem. Very mature, wouldn't you agree?

Apparently, young James is from a staunch Republican background in Northern Ireland. Previously, he refused to wear a Remembrance poppy in protest at Republicans killed by British soldiers during the Troubles.

Clearly, Mr McClean does not have much time for England, which of course, is his right.

However, since he finds this country so objectionable, perhaps he might consider why he is living and working here.

If he really wanted to demonstrate his Republican loyalties, he ought to shun the bright lights and riches of the Premier League, and try his luck at Carrick Rangers or Dungannon United. Now that would be a genuine display of principle.

■■■

SHOW me a motorist who has never broken a speed limit by 1mph, and I will show you a liar. Which is why we should all be very concerned about the plans for a new "zero tolerance" approach to speeding offences in Scotland.

Police Scotland plans to issue warning letters to anybody who is clocked exceeding the speed limit by just a single mile per hour, with fines and penalty points for anybody who is caught doing the same a second time.

At the moment it is part of a six-month "pilot study", with the threat that "if successful" it will be introduced in other parts of the UK, or "rolled out", to use the fashionable parlance.

We'll take that as read then.

In other words, within a year or so anyone found driving at 31mph in a 30 could very easily be fined. Get caught a few times doing 31mph, and you will probably be banned.

And as everybody does 31mph at some time or other, it will simply be a matter of luck who gets nabbed.

Niki Zakeri, an engineer and teaching assistant

College head of technology Andrew Cartwright

Alucast engineering apprentice Sarah Fathers, aged 17

It's a man's job, but any girl could do it

Females are proving that anything blokes can do, they can do just as well. **KIMBERLEY CRAYTON-BROWN** reports

IT is almost a century since women got the vote, and more than 35 years since Mr Thatcher took the helm at Number 10 as the UK's first female prime minister.

But despite the great strides taken in so many areas, there are still those who need convincing that women really can do anything men can do – particularly when it comes to work in the trades industry.

It is something, however, that is gradually improving, according to Andrew Cartwright, head of technology at City of Wolverhampton College.

In the five years he has been in the role he says the number of females in industrial courses is on the up.

In engineering, women make up about 19 per cent of the roll, with construction sitting at 12 per cent – an improvement of the three to four per cent when he first took the job, with the lowest uptake in trades, including construction, bricklaying, and carpentry.

Traditional

To get the message across women working in trades are now going into schools and speak to younger girls about just what a career as an engineer or a carpenter might entail, showing them a positive role model in the industry.

He said: "We get the message out that there are jobs out there – and well-paid jobs – other than the more traditional women-only route."

Female students of his have gone on to jobs with JLR and Carillion, high-profile jobs running sites and teams, he says: "There are good jobs out there for them.

"I think young girls who are nine or 10 realise they can do anything. I think the message has got to get across to teachers and parents."

It is the parents and teachers, women in their 30s, 40, 50s, who the college is targeting as part of a 'two-pronged' attack.

Wolverhampton College Mechanical Engineering student Georgina Hordell

In September the college will kick off the first of its 'women only' courses, weekly classes held over the course of 10 weeks in car maintenance and home DIY. Mr Cartwright says these are skills that would not have been taught to girls at school decades ago, as they were still seen as boys' jobs.

Each course will teach basic skills, and Mr Cartwright hopes that by teaching older women these skills, they will see they are just as capable as men, and encourage younger girls to give it a go whether they be their relatives, pupils, or friends.

There is no minimum age on the course, as long as those under 16 are accompanied by a parent. Participants will be assessed, earning a certificate on completion as well as a tool kit so they can keep up with their new trade skills.

And for those who are keen to build on their newfound handiwork, they can move on to one of the longer, accredited courses and work towards a job in the industry.

As far as the old argument that women don't have the muscle for trades jobs, Mr Cartwright says that isn't an issue.

"A woman can pick up a brick exactly the same way a man can. A woman can use maths in exactly the same way a man can. And some of my female engineers would say better than a man can.

"Women are very capable of doing all of the jobs men can do."

However, it may be that employers are lagging a bit behind when it comes to getting the message. One student who is nearing the end of her studies is Georgina Hordell, aged 18, of Heath Town, who has almost completed a two-year BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering. Sending out her CV in the hopes of scoring a job, she is already finding it tough going as a women in a male-dominated industry.

She says: "I have been to so many job interviews. Most of the interviewers we get put with are male, and I think they feel like we aren't going to be super-strong for the job, you need a lot of physical muscle for it depending on what type of job you get."

At one group interview, Georgina was one of just three women out of 35 applicants.

She feels in those situations there is more pressure on female job hopefuls to be vocal and show they can step up and be leaders.

And while there is a lot of focus on whether women are strong enough, Georgina thinks women have advantages over their male counterparts: "We are faster learners, we can solve mathematical questions quickly – we are more mentally strong."

Class

Inspired by her father and grandfather, who both work with cars, she wanted to do something slightly different and signed up for the college course with the aim of working as an electrical engineer.

A lot of people are surprised when they find out what she is studying, she says, and she is the only girl in her class of 16 students.

Also forging a career in engineering is Sarah Fathers, from Tipton, who is a year into her five-year apprenticeship with Alucast in Wednesbury.

The 17-year-old, who studies through the college, had initially planned to study architecture until a teacher suggested engineering.

"I don't regret it," she said. "It has opened my eyes to what I want to do and there are lots of opportunities in my workplace, from maintenance to productivity and quality."

And while the University of Wolverhampton does not offer any 'women-only' courses, figures show the number of female students taking courses traditionally seen as male is on the rise.

Niki Zakeri, an engineer and teaching assistant at the university, believes showing women the practical side of the role – getting them out into workplaces – could be the key to increasing their numbers in the industry.

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Pliosaur tooth puts bite into museum exhibition

The pliosaur was a vicious predator from the Jurassic world of more than 165 million years ago

The tooth on display

A 165 MILLION-year-old tooth from one of the Jurassic world's most vicious predators is to put the bite into a new exhibition in Wolverhampton.

The tooth, believed to be from a pliosaur – a huge predatory marine reptile – was handed in to the city's art gallery. This summer it will go on display as part of a new exhibition at Bantock House Museum.

Paul Quigley, curator of history and local studies for Wolverhampton museums, said the tooth was part of the Fraser Geology collection given to Wolverhampton Art Gallery way back in 1911. It is made up of 10,000 specimens collected by the Scottish GP, Dr John Fraser.

Mr Quigley said: "He lived in Wolverhampton until the end of his life and it was his wish that the collection be given to the city. It includes a lot of material from the Black Country and other items from around the country."

Pliosaurs had short body, long neck, head of sharp teeth and were predatory, eating virtually anything that came their way. Sized between 10ft and 50ft, they would swim using four, wing-like flippers, hunting on meat and other reptiles and fish.

Dr Adam Smith at Nottingham Natural History Museum said: "I identified it as a pliosaur – large predatory marine reptiles in the Jurassic ocean."

The fossil will be going on display as part of a new exhibition called The Riches Beneath Us – The Black Country's Amazing Rocks, which runs from August 14 until mid-November in the Community Gallery at Bantock House Museum.

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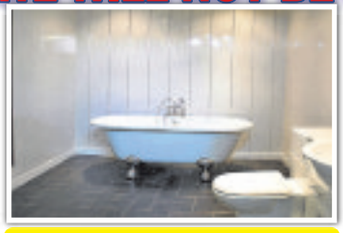

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Stoking fires of racism and conflict

APPARENTLY, Patrick Vernon (who he?) has decided the Black Country flag is a symbol of the area's role in providing the chains and shackles for the slave trade.

Like many before him he thinks he only has to say something and people will take notice and believe his divisive message.

The way I see it, his bleating is yet another manifestation of the idea that racism can be found everywhere if you look hard enough.

Banning the Black Country flag to suit Mr Vernon would be akin to following the childish example being set by Americans in banning the Confederate battle flag in the USA.

People like Patrck Vernon, Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson do nothing for racial harmony. Rather, they stoke the fires of racism and conflict.

Mr Vernon hasn't made the news for quite a while so it's understandable that he feels the need to make himself heard. I can easily ignore him – and I urge others to do so.

T HOWARD
Wolverhampton

Who thinks up these plans?

I READ last week that the Corn Mill is to be demolished and a complex is to be built of shops and offices.

This in a town where shops of all descriptions and sizes have been closing down for many years and that there are acres of office blocks and offices to buy, rent or let.

It also seems they are opening a Hungry Horse pub first before there are any customers a few hundred yards from the Great Western pub, Wolverhampton's most iconic, efficient and friendly pub in town.

Where do they get these planners and designers from?

D BENBOW
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Common sense is called for

INSTEAD of locking horns with the powers that be in the EU in a battle they can't win, it seems to me that Greece is missing a trick in trying to extricate itself from its current difficulties.

As well its financial problems, it is also in the frontline of African migration – a huge and ongoing problem which affects the whole of the EU. Why not take on this problem head-on and, by doing so, offer the rest of the EU a solution to a situation that will only get worse? One thing Greece has in abundance is islands. Some of these could be used as detention/processing centres for all migrants arriving on EU shores where they could be looked after until it was safe to repatriate them.

Greece could name its price for providing such a service and help set itself on the road to recovery.

An over-simplification? Maybe – but so far all that intellectual firepower has got nowhere. Perhaps it's time for some common sense.

DOUG HOPE
UKIP Wolverhampton

Exploiting young girl's creativity

MR Vernon's comments are wrong. I abhor racism, whether it is direct or indirect. Mr Vernon may as well say that the steel industry and coal mining were responsible for enabling the chains to be made and that without a shipbuilding industry, slaves would not have been able to be transported.

The flag was the innocent design of individuals seeking to revive the image of the Black Country.

Mr Vernon has insensitively exploited the creativity of Gracie Sheppard to make a silly political point. He should be ashamed of himself. He could also make a personal apology to the young girl.

D STEELE
Wolverhampton

Can't eradicate slave trade link

SO Mr Vernon thinks the Black Country flag is offensive. If he is seriously suggesting that this design has any connection with slavery then he insults the people of the Black Country as a whole and Grace Sheppard in particular.

Of course we cannot eradicate our industries' connection to the vile slavery trade but to make these remarks is ridiculous. Let's not forget that Mr Vernon is a political activist and these sort of comments are typical of what they do. Why has it taken two years for him to inflict us with this nonsense? Is he next going to start a campaign to change the name of the Black Country?

R PLANT
Bilston

Wonderfully diverse community

WHAT in heaven's name is Patrick Vernon on? How can he be so negative about something so positive? The Black Country flag is a fantastic idea. Whatever's next, the Walsall leather industry?

My advice? Get off your high horse and take a look around you at a wonderfully diverse community that has moved on.

M MOONEY
Tettenhall Wood

Motorists are human, too – show them some fairness

ACCORDING to reports, safety cameras are now 'so accurate' that evidence from them could result in motorists being fined for being one mile per hour over the speed limit. Fair enough you may say but how many speedometers fitted to motor vehicles are as absolutely accurate as speed cameras allegedly are?

I've been caught by these machines. Last time at 34 mph. Guilty as charged. I paid my fine, accepted the points on my licence, grumbled but carry on driving. When my car insurance renewal came I admitted my crime to them. Result? An increase in premium approaching 33 per cent! So punished twice for the same offence.

By the way if you 'forget' to tell your insurance company you do invalidate you insurance so you could land yourself in a very awkward position of driving without insurance cover. But now almost anyone could fall foul of these wonderfully accurate pieces of technology. Which brings me the point. Which is safer? The motorist concentrating so hard on their speedometer that they fail to notice, until too late, the hazard ahead or the motorist who may have strayed a few miles an hour above the posted speed limit but is fully alert to hazards so that they are able to stop in time thus avoiding them?

Many motorists' organisations claim that for too long motorists have been regarded as a 'cash cow' to be 'milked' as often as possible. Why? Because all motorists are responsible for destroying the planet and choking up cities even when there is no decent public transport system, for instance.

Remember motorists are human too. Show them some fairness and reasonable treatment. You may be surprised in changes in your own attitude to life too.

M GOUGH
Wombourne

Rubbish pile attracts rats

THREE weeks ago I contacted the council's environmental department about a festering pile of stinking rubbish adjacent to an MEB sub-station in Linthouse Lane.

The sub-station is alongside a row of fast food shops that are set back from the public footpath, but are accessible and in sight.

I received a call telling me that the land (pavement) in front of the sub-station belongs to Western Power, and they have been contacted, as of that date. But it's still there and attracting rats and getting bigger by the day. Please get this pile removed, it's unsightly, stinking and offensive.

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Help call to trace final branches of family tree

A FORMER head boy from the Royal Wolverhampton School has appealed for help to track down the final branches of his family tree.

Retired NHS manager Lewis Payne, aged 68, has been working on his family history since September with his sons Giles and Stuart.

While he has managed to assemble a thorough chronicle of the vast majority of his relatives, there are a handful who remain outstanding.

One of those is his great-aunt Edith Richardson, who he believes died in Wolverhampton in the 1960s.

A previous appeal in a Stoke-on-Trent newspaper helped Mr Payne find out details about two of his great-uncles – including Mrs Richardson's husband Arthur, a wood sawyer.

He also managed to flesh out what he knew about his great-uncle Roland, a baker.

Lewis Payne's great grandfather

Lewis, his father and his granddad

Lewis Payne is looking for help to trace a missing branch of his family tree

Forward

However, Mrs Richardson remains something of a mystery.

Mr Payne has been unable to work out if she and Arthur had children and is asking readers who may have known Mrs Richardson to come forward.

Mr Payne, of Norton, Stourbridge, said: "Of the 10 calls following the publication of that article in Stoke only one was about Arthur.

"It was from an 89-year-old lady who said she thought her uncle and my great-uncle had been drinking partners. But trying to trace the records of Edith Richardson has been really hard, not just for me but for a couple of genealogy experts.

"The best we've got is that she died in Wolverhampton in June 1965. She is one of only three people in the whole tree we're not absolutely sure about."

Mr Payne – who used to work in a management role at both the Royal Hospital and New Cross – has put together a biography of each of the people featured in the family tree and after compiling such a painstaking record he is desperate to complete it.

"It would be nice to think the family could carry this forward into the future," he said. "We started doing it based on information my mother and father had prepared in their lifetimes.

"When you start doing something like this you either do it properly and thoroughly or don't do it at all.

"We've made very good progress and have found family members all around the world and they've all been extraordinarily helpful."

Anyone with information to help Mr Payne's search can call 01384 375121.

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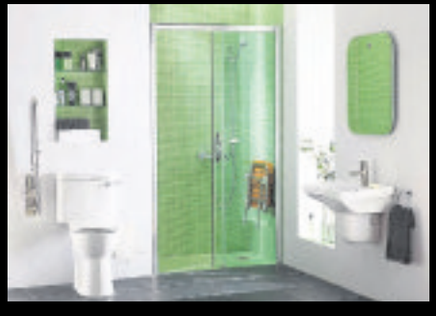

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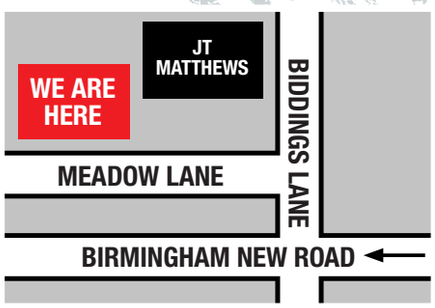

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Praise for turnaround at school

TEACHERS, pupils and staff have been praised for their efforts to turn around a Wolverhampton school.

An Ofsted inspection last November found Palmers Cross Primary 'required improvement' with inspectors concerned about governance and attainment levels.

After an interim executive board was introduced to boost standards, improved learning outcomes are now being seen across the school, with achievements at Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 now rated as "good".

City Councillor Claire Darke, for education, said: "I am pleased at the improvements we are seeing and I would like to pay tribute to the teachers, pupils and parents, with support from the Interim Executive Board and teachers from Elston Hall.

"I look forward to standards continuing to rise and am hopeful that the school will soon be in a position to receive an improved inspection rating from Ofsted."

Dangerous dog to be destroyed

THE owner of a dangerous dog broke down in tears as a judge ordered her the animal to be destroyed.

Lisa Dean, now of Stafford Road, Cannock, pleaded guilty at Wolverhampton magistrates court to owning a dog dangerously out of control causing injury.

Her alsatian-rottweiler cross, Teddy was one of three dogs that escaped through a broken fence at her former home in Bilston, running onto the street and attacking Raj Rani as she walked her pet, Brandon.

The attack happened in Bagnall Road on April 21, with Ms Rani picking up Brandon as they were both mauled. A week earlier on April 14, the three dogs had also got through the hedge and were aggressive towards a man walking his dog Rocco in Mill Street.

A police report says Teddy is a danger to other dogs, not people.

However, District Judge Judge Graham Wilkinson said: "He becomes a danger to members of the public as they protect their dogs, as Ms Rani did."

A visibly upset Dean, aged 41, told the court she wanted Teddy back but did not feel she was capable of handling him.

Judge Wilkinson said: "If you don't feel you can control him I have no choice but to order his immediate destruction."

Dean was also ordered her to pay costs and compensation of £985.

Fake cash user sent to prison

A CAREER criminal has been jailed after he went on a spending spree using counterfeit money.

Rajinder Chuhan paid for low value items at two stores in Wolverhampton using fake £10 and £20 notes.

But Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the 43-year-old pushed his luck too far and his con was discovered by the owner of the Junction One post office. He became suspicious when he immediately paid for items with notes despite having just been given change.

Chuhan, of Alexandra Road in Penn, also visited another store twice on the same day, February 14, each time using notes to pay for cigarette lighters costing 50p.

The court heard Chuhan had a 'record of dishonesty', having racked up 30 offences over the last three decades.

Judge Helen Hughes sentenced him to 10 months in prison.

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Visitors' reel insight into movie methods

FILM lovers could take a sneak peek behind the scenes at an event celebrating the history of cinema.

Jas Kapur, cinema operations and technical manager at The Light House in Fryer Street, Wolverhampton gave visitors an illuminating insight into the cinematic past, present and future with his projection room talk.

With more than three decades of experience in the film industry, Mr Kapur has seen first hand the monumental changes that have shaped the field.

When he started out in the 1970s, projectionists had to lug hefty spools and reels of film onto the projector for a film to play.

If a reel broke in the course of a movie, it had to be instantly repaired by hand to make sure the film could continue. Now, modern cinemas are equipped with a digital projector, with films sent through on a hard drive.

Jas Kapur in the Light House Cinema projection room in Fryer Street

Digital

This has reduced the number of staff needed to run a cinema and lost the craftsmanship that both went into hand drawing reels of film and ensuring they were shown successfully.

During the tour visitors were treated to a nostalgic look at how cinemas were run in years gone by and also shown how The Light House runs today, with modern digital technology at the forefront.

Mr Kapur said: "Film used to be really heavy, it weighed nearly 35kg and you used to have to carry it up the stairs.

"With digital it's just put the hard drive in, press play, pause or stop. That makes it much simpler."

While the film industry has moved away from 35mm film and embraced the digital future, The Light House still has its historic projector.

There is still a real appetite among film fans of many years standing for the old-school methods. "Film is a bit like vinyl, it's got a real following," Mr Kapur said. "Having worked with film all my life, it has a real quality to it and you can actually feel it."

After leaving school, Mr Kapur went to work at the ABC cinema, in Bilston Street, and he remained there until the cinema closed in 1991.

He then almost immediately got a job at The Light House – where he has been ever since.

Mr Kapur said: "We want to make sure our audience get what everyone else is getting, but also retain the nostalgia side.

"That means people can have the opportunity to see how it used to be done."

One of the visitors who enjoyed the tour was retired John Pitt, of Wightwick, who said he loved films from his younger years and had witnessed a massive change in the city's cinemas in the past five decades.

Mr Pitt, from Wightwick, said: "I remember the old days when there were six cinemas in Wolverhampton.

"It's fascinating going behind the scenes, particularly seeing the new technology which I didn't know much about.

"When you went to the cinema in the old days the whole thing was a real experience, but it's different now."

Mr Kapur has stayed ahead of the curve by incorporating modern technologies at The Light House, and believes it is important to preserve film history by continuing to educate people about the past.

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Sporting city girls claim national rounders title

GIRLS at Wolverhampton Grammar School are hitting their way to success, with the Year 8 Girls' Rounders team being named National Schools Champions for 2015.

Two members of the squad were even spotted by England talent scouts at the championship, organised by Rounders England and played at Leicester University Sports Ground.

Squad members Serina Basra and Katie Evans were two Year 7s competing against older competitors. Serina and team-mate Jordan Russell have both been asked to compete in the next round of England trials.

Katherine Dyer, Head Rounders Coach for Wolverhampton Grammar School said: "The number of schools entering this national competition has really gathered pace over the last few years. Well done to everyone in the team, they are national champions."

Carrie Bennett, Director of Marketing and Communications for the school, was equally as delighted.

She said: "This is a testament to the girls involved. It's an unbelievable achievement to be recognised as the best rounders team nationally. The school is proud of them but more importantly they should be proud of themselves.

"They overcame a very good Manchester team in the finals and have worked very hard to get to where they are. The girls can compete just as well as the boys and doesn't this just prove it?"

Rounders is played in nearly 90 per cent of schools, and Rounders England has more than 550 member schools on their database, a number that is increasing year on year.

National rounders champions from Wolverhampton Grammar School

Bantock cafe likely to offer even more

THEMED evenings, bistro nights and fine wines could all be on the menu as part of plans to revamp a popular cafe.

Wolverhampton council it is looking at ways to increase what Bantock House Museum and Park's café has to offer, including creating more seating space and serving beers and wines.

Already this year the café's opening hours have been extended and a new breakfast menu introduced.

City councillor John Reynolds, said: "The café at Bantock House Museum and Park is already hugely popular with visitors, and we want to give people even more reason to come down and enjoy what it has to offer.

"As regular customers will know, the café can get really busy at times so we're also looking at providing additional seating.

"We're also increasing the number of events held at Bantock House Museum and Park so that more and more local people discover this hidden gem."

The café at Bantock House is open from 9am to 5pm, seven days a week.

Patrols to increase in park after vandalism

POLICE have vowed to step up patrols in Wolverhampton's West Park after vandals smashed windows in its iconic Victorian conservatory.

A total of 12 windows were broken during the attack, which took place over the weekend of July 11/12. The attack left shattered glass strewn across the inside of the 119-year-old building.

Police are investigating the crime, although to date no arrests have been made.

Councillor Craig Collingswood, who represents Park ward on Wolverhampton council, said officers had assured him they planned to increase the police presence in the park following the vandalism.

"This has caused a lot of concern among users of the park," he said.

"People want to see more police on patrol as there has been reports of anti-social behaviour from a large group of youths for some time now.

The damaged conservatory

Wildlife

"In this instance we had one of the city's most beautiful buildings damaged, but there is a lot of concern about the safety of the wildlife in the park.

"The park rangers do a fantastic job but they can't cover every part of the park at all times.

"I have spoken to the police and they have said they will increase patrols to try and find the people who did this and prevent any further incidents."

The conservatory opened in 1896 and houses a large collection of plants and foliage from all over the world, as well as a pond containing exotic fish.

It is visited by thousands of people every year and is considered by many to be one of the city's finest examples of Victorian architecture.

"This is one of the most iconic buildings in our city," added Mr Collingswood.

"People come from far and wide to visit the conservatory and we must ensure it is in tip-top condition at all times.

"What we don't want is people staying away because they feel intimidated by groups of yobs hanging around."

Wolverhampton council's anti-social behaviour team is also looking into the vandalism.

Building named as tribute to daughter

A BUILDING at the University of Wolverhampton is to be renamed after the late daughter of the establishment's Chancellor Lord Swraj Paul.

The MD Building on the City Wulfruna Campus is to be christened the Ambika Paul Building.

The building houses the library, volunteering and careers centres, sports centre and the students' union, which is currently known as the Ambika Paul Students' Union.

In May, it was revealed the university's £18m business school will bear the name of Caparo founder Lord Paul.

Earlier this year, Lord Paul donated £1m to the university from the Ambika Paul Foundation, a charitable trust set up by him in memory of his daughter, who was only four when she died of luekaemia in 1968.

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How cool are we? The band pose with an American-style gas guzzler in the 1980s

Bernie Marsden jams with the Red Lemons

Neil Bullock, Dave Green, Bob Pountney, Dave Crowley, Paul Roberts, Iain Willets, Jim Merris and Suzi Perry

Hold on, they're coming back as blues band tune up for 30 year reunion gig

MEMORY LANE

Report by Adam Burling

IMAGINE being in a band with your best friends, playing some of the country's best known venues with rock legends like Chuck Berry and Robert Plant.

For members of The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band it will soon be time to reminisce as they mark their 30th anniversary by getting the band back together for a special gig.

Future motorsport television presenter Suzi Perry would appear as a dancer to stage with The Red Lemons, who her father used to manage.

Radio and TV presenter, and Baggies fan, Adrian Chiles even featured as bass player in an early line up of the group.

Now they are preparing for a home town gig for fans at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 11 in a one-off show.

Frontman and group founder Jim Merris, now 51, said: "It is like a family. We had such a good time and we were good friends. It is going to be a brilliant night."

The group were formed in 1985 after Jim was inspired by hit film The Blues Brothers starring Dan Ackroyd and John Belushi, which featured lots of straight-faced humour, car chases and music from a host of soul, blues and jazz stars.

"I was given a copy of the film by a friend and watched it four times in a row," said Jim. He bought a Pontiac Parisienne car for £200 to have a big American-style car like those in the movies and determined to sing and play harmonica in a blues band.

He was able to secure a slot at The Broadway pub, in Norton, Stourbridge, and set about starting up a group featuring guitarist Iain Willetts, pianist Dave Crowley, Neil Sprayson and a young Adrian Chiles on bass.

"It was phenomenal. People absolutely loved it," said Jim, who had met Adrian from Hagley at gigs in and around the Black Country. After just a handful of gigs, Adrian and Neil left the group for university. Drummer Neil Bullock, who is now one of the country's top drummers, bass player Dave Green and Bob Pountney, who played trumpet, joined the group, and a few months later so did trombone player Paul Roberts — and he is travelling back from his home in Australia for the reunion. Sue Clarke sang with the group.

The Broadway, JBs in Dudley and now demolished Stewponey roadhouse pub at Stourton were among their regular venues.

After a couple of years they took on manager, Tony Perry. He had co-run the PMA agency based in Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, and had been a director of the Lafayette club in Wolverhampton as well as managing the band Trapeze, whose members went on to join Deep Purple, Black Sabbath and Whitesnake.

They went on to find fame outside the Midlands, even even outside the UK, by performing at jazz and blues festivals. They played at the Royal Albert Hall with reggae star Desmond Dekker. In 1991 the band was invited by Chuck Berry to be 'special guests' on his UK tour. The band also played on the same bill as Robert Plantand Whitesnake's Bernie Marsden even guested with the band in Birmingham.

Father-of-two from Quarry Bank Jim is still gigging, with Big Jim's Boogie Band, but he says their best gigs were at Stourbridge Town Hall. "They were electric nights, jam-packed and there was always great banter," he said.

Latterly bassist Paul Turner performed with the group and now tours with Jamiroquai, while saxophonist Rob Hughes has performed with ABC.

The gig in September will also mark a moment to remember band member Dave Crowley who died 21 years ago in a mountaineering accident on Snowdon.

The concert at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 11 is a 30-year reunion and former manager Tony, of Finchfield, said: "It should be a great night, it is like them coming home." Tickets are available online at Midland Box Office or call 0870 320 7000.

Jim Merris, founder of The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band

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Positive feedback on housing scheme

DEVELOPERS say they are pleased with the support they were given by residents in Coseley at an exhibition into a 900-home plan.

Dozens of people at the two-day consultation into the 66-acre Coseley Park offered mainly positive responses, though concerns were raised about the impact on traffic.

The plans replace the former Coseley Eco Park scheme at the Bean Road and Wellington industrial estates and Newey Business Park.

The group behind the proposals, Skelton Group Investments Ltd, says the increased number of homes planned was welcomed.

Questions

Spokesman Abbas Raza said: "We had over 50 people attend and they seemed quite happy to see housing planned for the site. There are questions around traffic but given this was the first time we've discussed the plans with the community we were pretty pleased.

"We'll take the feedback on board when we're putting our application together and talk to the council officers to see what we can do to address the concerns."

The developers are looking to submit a planning application next month, potentially meaning a decision can be made by the end of the year."

Aerial shot of the development site

Melvyn Mottram, councillor for Coseley East, was unable to attend the exhibition but said he was planning to meet developers in the next couple of weeks alongside fellow Labour councillor Clem Baugh.

Skelton Group's new plans will see up to 900 new homes, a supermarket, a public open space and a number of ponds and tree-lined streets.

The masterplan site consists of the Wellington Industrial Estate to the north, the Bean Road Industrial Estate in the centre and the Newey Business Park to the south.

Birmingham New Road runs along the western boundary of the site, which was used for metal manufacturing from the early 19th century.

Works to cater for homes bid

ROADWORKS will be carried out to cope with hundreds of homes in Bilston, Coseley and Tipton.

Wolverhampton City Council has been handed a £1.5 million fund in the Chancellor's budget to overhaul a junction on the Birmingham New Road, on the border with Dudley. The money has been set aside for works at the Shaw Road junction to improve access to Bilston and Coseley.

Wolverhampton and Dudley councils will work together on the scheme which will 'unlock' new housing for six sites – Bilston Urban Village and Ward Street in Wolverhampton, land off Darkhouse Lane and Peartree Lane in Coseley, Coseley Park, and land off Bloomfield Road, Tipton.

There will be 900 homes on the 66-acre Coseley Park site, which replaces the former Coseley Eco Park plans at the Bean Road and Wellington industrial estates and Newey Business Park.

A further 500 homes are set for the £176m Bilston Urban Village.

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Survivor Owen Richards and his mother Suzanne shed tears at the funeral

A friend of Joel wears a T-shirt in his memory

Mourners line up to pay their respects at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church

Family united in grief

HUNDREDS of mourners paid a final farewell 'in grief and bewilderment' to three Black Country men murdered in the Tunisia massacre.

Family, friends and the wider community united to remember devoted Walsall FC fans Joel Richards, his uncle Adrian Evans and grandfather Pat Evans.

Mourners lined the street in hushed silence as the funeral cortege made its way to Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in West Bromwich. Joel's brother Owen, aged 16, who survived the attack in Sousse, supported his mother Suzanne and grandmother Maureen as they entered the church together.

As well as those paying their respects inside the church, some 200 people gathered outside to listen to Friday's service.

Mourners, some wearing 'Keep Calm and Smile' T-shirts, were handed an order of service featuring a photograph of the three men relaxing during their flight to Tunisia.

Adrian, a 49-year-old gas service manager, from Bilston, 78-year-old Charles, known to friends as Pat, and Joel, both from Wednesbury, were killed within 24 hours of starting their holiday. Monsignor Bruce Harbert led the service. He said: "As we bid them farewell in grief and bewilderment, we salute them also with a touch of pride."

Amanda Churchill, a close friend of Joel and Owen's mother Suzanne, led the tributes during the service.

The victims' family have long-standing links to Holy Cross, with Charles Evans having married there and the church hosting Adrian Evans' baptism.

The order of service with pictures of Pat, Adrian and Joel and the Walsall FC badge

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Showing the Way as youth zone aid grows

MORE support has been pledged to Wolverhampton's Youth Zone as its grand opening draws closer.

Bromford, which provides affordable housing and housing support services across the country, has become a founder patron of the site, to be called The Way.

It will invest £25,000 a year over the next three years towards its development. The company will also discuss how it can get customers and members of staff involved with employment and volunteering opportunities at the youth centre.

Exciting

Bromford director John Wade said: "We are delighted to confirm our support for this exciting project.

"With over 2,600 customers and more than a quarter of colleagues living in Wolverhampton, we are ideally placed to get involved and share a determination to improve the lives of young people, believing that everyone has the potential to be the best they can be."

The Worcester Street site, which is expected to open in early 2016, will include

By Jordan Harris

state-of-the-art facilities including a music room, 3G football pitch, enterprise media suite, climbing wall, multi-use four court sports hall, café, dance studio, gym, cooking area, general recreation area and more.

It will be open every day of the year for young people aged 8-19, or up to 25 for those with disabilities.

The project is being spearheaded by Wolves chairman Steve Morgan and has also been backed by One Direction's Liam Payne, originally from Bushbury, who made a surprise appearance at the centre's 'topping out' ceremony in April.

Bosses have predicted that around £10 million will be invested in young people in Wolverhampton via the city's new youth centre.

Drawing on art talent of young

Paul Parkin, who owns Jinx Art gallery, is known for his unique drawings made from coffee

CHILDREN are being urged to enter a competition to get their artwork displayed on the side of a coach.

The best pictures will be turned into a one-off livery and featured on one of National Express's white coaches.

Paul Parkin, who owns the Jinx Art gallery, will be judging entries from Wolverhampton and the Midlands.

The professional artist, aged 53, is known for his unique drawings made from coffee.

Launching the contest in Wolverhampton he said: "I'm so thrilled to have been selected by National Express to launch its summer drawing competition and can't wait see all the talent Wolverhampton has to offer. It's such an exciting opportunity for kids to have their drawings seen by thousands of people and it is going to be amazing seeing the winning design on a moving canvas."

The competition closes on July 27. Entries must be landscape designs on A4 paper and need to be sent to National Express Coach Art Competition, National Express House, Mill Lane, Birmingham, B5 6DD, or a scan of the entry can be emailed to competitions@nationalexpress.com

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St John on lookout for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are being sought for a new St John Ambulance branch set to open in Bilston.

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No previous first aid training or experience is necessary.

Those who gain the necessary credentials will provide first aid support at community events, concerts and sports events, and deal with everything from cuts and bruises to life or death emergencies.

The time commitment will be eight hours a month and the unit will meet every Thursday evenings at Bilston Methodist Church.

To apply, visit www.sja.org.uk/sja/volunteer or email Lucy.Parrott@sja.org.uk

Slade are Bak 'Ome at Robin

BLACK Country rock favourites Slade will be returning to the Robin 2 in Bilston for a Christmas special show.

The home town concert on December 17 will feature original members Dave Hill and Don Powell.

The set at the Mount Pleasant venue will feature festive favourite Merry Xmas Everybody as well as loads of other Slade hits.

Advance tickets are on sale at £20 with the price on the door £22.50.

FOCUS ON BILSTON

Knitting display in town proves to be a real purler

THE streets of Bilston are blooming – but not with flowers.

Instead, a colourful knitting display can be seen decorating the streets.

From patchwork patterns decorating trees to knitted flowers and ice cream decorations, the town is a blaze of colour.

The event is viewed by many as a community day which encourages local organisations to showcase their talent and their particular part of the town.

Judges toured the town, starting at Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy and finishing at the war memorial, which is currently being refurbished.

They stopped at various place along the route to see knitwork displays and hear about improvements that are being made, as well as aspirations for progression.

Many trees and walls around Bilston were decorated by a team of knitters, whose work has replaced floral arrangements over the last two years.

Bilston East Councillor Val Gibson, said: "It's been a very successful event in the past and we are extremely delighted to see it thrive even more this year. It enhances the profile of Bilston and is a tremendous day for the town and area."

Judges visited 10 stalls around Market Way, where they were able to find out about a number of local charities and groups, such as local schools, the Boys Brigade and the Royal British Legion.

The event was organised by the Bilston Town Centre Manager Cheryl Welsh with the help of The Black Country Memories Club, Bilston Traders, Bilston Magazine and the Bilston Yarn Stars. Organiser Ann Ramsbottom said: "What an absolutely brilliant day.

"It was a real Bilston team effort."

Ann Ramsbottom and Councillor Val Gibson

'Yarn star' Jean Freeman with her Alice in Wonderland display

Some of the wool flowers made for the event on display along the High Street

Pat McFadden MP with wool mosaics

Sounds of legendary guitarist

THE music of British guitar great John Martyn will be revived in Bilston later this year.

The Glorious Fools, who formed in 2013 and perform reworked versions of the late guitarists hits, will perform at Bilston's Robin 2 club on September 9.

John Martyn died in 2009 aged 60.

Tickets for the Robin 2 show are priced £12.50 in advance or £14 on the door. Doors open at 7pm.

For more information call 01902 401211 or visit therobin.co.uk

Meanwhile, Birmingham rock and roll legend Steve Gibbons is set to play at the Mount Pleasant venue on September 17, performing classic Steve Gibbons Band tunes.

He has put out 14 albums, selling more than one million copies. Tickets are £15 on the door or £12.50 in advance.

British Legion cash is raised

A COLLECTION by the Royal British Legion in Bilston raised more than £625.

The money was collected in Church Street on June 20 and has been added to the funds of the local RBL branch, which meets at the Conservative Club in Mount Pleasant.

It will be spent on arrangements for the Remembrance Day parade and memorial at the cenotaph in Oxford Street, Bilston on November 8.

Boris bikers saddle up for 60-mile memorial ride

A GROUP of nine cyclists from Wolverhampton rode 60 miles around London in memory of a father and son who both died of cancer.

The cyclists used the famous Boris Bikes to carry out their journey, completed in honour of Wolves fan Bijay Khela and his father Gurmel, with money raised being donated to the Steve Bull Foundation.

The group rode around Windsor and finished up at Tower Bridge, where members were met by friends and family.

Charitable cyclists in Windsor for BJ's Charity Bike Ride

Ardent

The ride marked the sixth instalment of BJ's Charity Bike Ride, which started in 2010 after siblings Pete Khela and Kami Aujla lost their brother Bijay to a brain tumour at the age of 41.

Bijay was a keen cyclist and an ardent Wolves fan. He was outlived by his father Gurmel, who died in 2014 after a two-year fight.

Kami, who supported the riders on their journey and said: "The cyclists' initial response to the bikes was one of surprise as they were quite heavy and only had three gears.

"They had ridden on normal bikes doing 120 miles in a day but this was a different challenge altogether.

"With a motivational talk from Pete, they were off, but the weather was very hot which made the ride even harder.

"There were a few hiccups along the way. There was a lot going on in central London including festivals and roads were blocked off, so support staff could not supply the riders with drinks but Pete kept the group determined. They ended up doing an extra 10 miles, so they totalled 60 miles on the Boris Bikes."

The group also raised money for Cancer research, Nepal Earthquake Relief and the Unique Home For Girls.

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MPs' rise ill-judged as rest tighten belts

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT
Political Editor

Councillor Elias Mattu now has libraries under his remit

THERE will never be a good time to give MPs a pay rise.

I confess to feeling slightly grubby as the nation demanded to know what they were going to do with their absurdly ill-considered and ill-judged 10 per cent increase.

Pay is normally something that is a private matter. It's not very British to ask about it. Except the same MPs now being awarded a big fat increase have just debated a one per cent cap on public sector pay rises.

Most of the 650 members of the Commons either did not want it or had the common sense to keep quiet when the debate raged over the impending rise.

Wages

Almost all of them understood that, at a time when the rest of the public sector was being told to tighten its belt, it looked bad.

And there can be no question that it will simply drag the reputation of Parliament down further.

I think the fairest solution is for pay to rise and fall in line with national average wages, rewarding politicians for the economy picking up and ensuring they share the pain when things take a turn for the worst.

At the same time there has been a rush to demand of MPs that they hand their 10 per cent wage rises to charity. Some have openly revealed plans to do just that.

Others play their cards close to their chests and say charitable giving is a private matter.

I actually don't criticise them for that, even though it does seem a bit of a cop out. Charitable giving is subjective. What one person thinks is a worthy cause is not the same as someone else's.

If, however, any MPs are prepared to start trying to reclaim the moral high ground, let them remember it was their system that gave rise to the claiming of expenses for bath plugs, pornographic films, duck houses and moat cleaning.

They've made this bed and submitted the receipt for it. Now they have to lie in it.

Councillor Elias Mattu went to meeting after meeting, hearing protest after protest, when Wolverhampton council last looked at cuts to its libraries. He even went to East Park Primary School and sat listening patiently as children read out their speeches one by one on why they loved their library.

But a recent reshuffle of the Labour cabinet saw him switch to the role of member for adults, looking after areas such as social care.

Now library cuts are back on the agenda again.

Unfortunately for Councillor Mattu, it wasn't just the portfolio holders that got reshuffled but the portfolios themselves. Guess which area has moved into his new brief?

Elias could write a book on what he knows about libraries. Whether anyone would be able to check out a copy after the axe falls again is another matter entirely.

Super day enjoyed at garden party

Codsall Wood WI

FOR the June meeting, members travelled to Albrighton Moat Trust and were given a tour of the gardens.

The ladies were told of the various recreational classes for people of all ages who have disabilities or are disadvantaged. It enables them regardless of disabilities to participate in activities.

They were also told of the valuable work done by the trust and how the sensory gardens, flowers, birds, butterflies and small mammals bring nature alive for many children and older adults who do not normally have access to the countryside.

The horticultural therapy programme is aimed towards those visitors dealing with or recovering from illness, helping them to focus on something positive.

There is a training room where arts and crafts and music and movement classes are run. The gardens were a delight and all wheelchair friendly. The trust's object is to enhance the lives of the users, which also includes fishing training.

The centre has helped the users to integrate and feel safe and secure. There are many volunteers who give their time and energy to help the centre keep afloat.

Di Davis attended a WI Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the group's behalf on June 2. She was introduced to The Duchess of Cornwall and had a super day.

The NFWI Centenary Celebration in the Albert Hall was shown live in the council chamber at Codsall on June 4 and many from the group attended.

The WI heard of the death of committee member Margaret Crofts.

Anniversary marked with afternoon tea

The WI members on their visit to Dunsley Hall for afternoon tea

Trysull & Seisdon WI

THIS year is the centenary year of the WI, but it is also Trysull & Seisdon's 85th anniversary.

To celebrate this, Rita Brown organised afternoon tea at Dunsley Hall, Kinver. The ladies were soon tucking into dainty sandwiches and fancy cakes all served in beautiful surroundings.

Special guests were county chairman, Sheila Moulton and her predecessor Denise Moreton. Despite a few heavy showers while the ladies were eating, the sun came out later and they were able to go outside to walk round the gardens and pose for a group photograph on the terrace.

Speaker for the July meeting was Peter Taunton, the Town Crier for Stafford and Newport. He had brought along several bells and the regalia that he wears, blue and gold with a top hat for Newport, and red with a three cornered hat for Stafford. His wife Maureen goes with him as his Lady, and she makes all their costumes.

Peter still performs this ceremony as well as taking part in corporate events, carnivals, weddings and funerals. He and Maureen have travelled all over the world attending functions and entering contests.

On Thursday, September 10 at the village hall, Trysull, Patricia Boyd will be advising: 'Mind your language'. The competition will be a limerick.

Date given for annual show

Black Country Fuchsia Society

THE second meeting of this month is on Tuesday, July 28, at 7.30 pm for 8pm start. This is a normal monthly meeting with the programme being a mini show and a pre-show talk/ Any Questions evening.

Meetings take place at Corpus Christi Social Centre, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield.

Saturday, August 1 is the annual show. The opening times are from 12.30 to 5pm and are to be held at The Hub, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield, WV11 2LH.

The group's website is at www.blackcountryfuchsiasociety.weebly.com

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Biggest ever bootleg haul of £150,000 sniffed out in raids

RAIDS that saw the biggest ever haul of illegal tobacco and booze seized from off-licences in Wolverhampton have been praised by councillors.

Council officers and West Midlands Police seized £150,000 of suspected counterfeit tobacco and alcohol as part of a tough new crackdown on the illegal trade. The launch of Operation Riposte last Friday saw council and police officers swoop on two shops.

Both now face a formal review of their licences which could be revoked by the council's licensing committee.

Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city environment, said: "The launch of Operation Riposte was a big success for our trading standards and licensing teams working in partnership with the police. I would like to thank everyone involved for their diligence and hard work.

"They seized an unprecedented quantity of suspected illegal tobacco and alcohol which had been placed in some elaborate hiding places in a failed attempt to avoid detection."

Sgt Jake Flanagan, from West Midlands Police, added: "Operations like this tackle some of the root causes of crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities."

It takes most of the day for officers to remove all of the illegal goods, and licensing manager Colin Parr, who leads the operation, said it is an unprecedented haul for the city. "This eclipses all other hauls. We estimate it is in excess of £150,000," he said. It will be a 'laborious and gruelling' task to catalogue all of the counterfeit and non-duty paid goods found in the stores.

In the forthcoming days the council will formally apply to have the licences reviewed. This could ultimately lead to the stores losing their licences and part of the investigation will also look into any criminal offences.

Stuart Phillips looks behind the fake wall after finding a large amount of illicit cigarettes behind it

Illicit cigarettes are discovered on a landing

Sniffer dog Scamp was the hero of the hour

Tortoises are found dead in house fire

A PAIR of tortoises were killed and two tons of rubbish went up in flames in separate fires in the Bilston area.

In the early hours of Saturday, fire ripped through a bedroom in a house on Georgina Avenue.

Fire crews from Tipton and Bilston were called to the scene at around 4.30am.

They spent an hour controlling the blaze, which had taken hold in an upstairs bedroom of the semi-detached house.

Two dead tortoises were found in the room.

It is thought that they died as a result of smoke inhalation.

On Saturday afternoon at around 2.30, fire tore through piles of rubbish at a skip yard at the Monmore Road Trading Estate in Monmore Road.

A few hours later crews were again on the move to deal with a blaze at a home in Lunt Road, caused when an unattended candle fell off a shelf in a bedroom.

Arrest made as workmen struck by car

TWO workmen were hit by a car after it careered into them as they worked on an electrical communications box in Coseley.

One of the workmen, in his late 20s, suffered serious head injuries and was airlifted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham in a critical condition.

The other, believed to be in his early 20s, suffered serious facial and arm injuries and was taken to Russells Hall Hospital.

A 16-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving after the crash in John Holden Avenue on Monday. Police say two people were in the car at the time and they both fled the scene.

The crash happened near the junction with Robert Wynd in Woodcross.

People rushed to help the injured workmen after the grey Citroen Picasso hit them.

Police put a cordon around the area as they carried out their investigations. Debris from the damaged communications box was left strewn across the road.

Anyone with information should call 101.

Woman driver cut free after collision

A WOMAN had to be cut free from her car after a crash involving two vehicles in Wolverhampton.

The smash happened in Craddock Street, Whitmore Reans at around 5.20pm on Saturday. Police and a fire crew from Tettenhall attended.

The woman driver suffered neck injuries and was taken to New Cross Hospital. Her injuries are not thought to be serious.

The other driver suffered minor injuries but did not need to go to hospital.

It follows a crash in Hordern Road, Whitmore Reans which closed the road for two hours on July 11.

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2015	Swift	Challenger SE 480	£20,500	£19,940	£1,010
2015	Swift	Challenger SE 580	£22,675	£21,338	£1,337
2015	Sterling	Eccles Sport 524	£18,745	£17,998	£747

Year	Make	Model	WAS	NOW	SAVE
2010	Swift	Challenger 540	£13,750	£12,995	£755
2011	Bailey	Unicorn Valenica	£16,695	£14,995	£1,700
2007	Elddis	Odysse	£10,695	£9,495	£1,200
2009	Swift	Conqueror 540	£13,995	£12,495	£1,500
2008	Swift	Challenger 480	£10,995	£9,695	£1,300
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City groups given slice of Lottery cash fund

COMMUNITY groups across the Black Country and Staffordshire have been awarded more than half a million pounds in lottery funding.

The cash will be divided between 20 groups in all, from projects supporting vulnerable mothers to health schemes and clubs for senior citizens.

By Richard Guttridge

Among the voluntary groups to benefit from the windfall are the Windmill Club in Wolverhampton, which has been awarded £9,980 to expand its community health scheme.

It will also use the extra funding to target more elderly people who live alone.

Crime

On Dis-ting, a group based in Wolverhampton which targets young people who have been involved with anti-social behaviour and aims to prevent them from becoming involved with more serious crime, will get £10,000.

The Black Country Festival has been awarded £10,000, with the news coming as a welcome boost to organisers who have been hosting the hugely successful event in the region last week.

Schools in the Black Country have also been successful, including Moorcroft Wood Primary in Bilston.

St Benedict Biscop Church of England Primary in Wombourne has been awarded £10,000 to build an artificial grass play area which will allow it to increase outdoor activities.

Lyn Cole, Big Lottery Fund's England director, said: "Families including our extended families help keep us together in our own communities.

"So it is great to see so many projects across the West Midlands working to bring generations together and providing support to families needing that extra bit of support during difficult times."

Other city groups receiving £10,000 were Kids in Communication, Just Ramps CIC and Wolverhampton Homes.

Hero Louis hopes to pop up as winner

Louis Johnson has been shortlisted and is now in with a chance of winning his own pop-up party

AN inspirational eight-year-old has been shortlisted in a national 'Everyday Heroes' campaign for his charity work.

Louis Johnson, from Tettenhall Wood, is in with a chance of winning his own pop-up party, courtesy of Pork Farms, to be shared with friends and family.

Louis was nominated by his mum Teresa Johnson for all the hard work he puts into raising money for charity.

She said: "Louis is only eight and does so much for charity, especially Compton Hospice. He lost his nan to cancer just a few weeks ago and did a sponsored five-mile run for the hospice in her memory."

As well as dressing up as 007 for the hospice's Memory Walk at Compton in the Park, Louis lent a helping hand that afternoon for the Colour Blast fun run.

He has tackled sponsored walks for Barnardos, sponsors four greyhounds, adopted a rabbit and donated money for two meerkats memorial plaques.

Locals are being asked to get behind Louis to help the judges decide.To add your comment visit www.facebook.com/porkfarmsporkpies

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Nuffield is named for its top care

The helpful reception team at the hospital

The Wood Road entrance to the Nuffield Hospital in Tettenhall, Wolverhampton

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

AS well as the outstanding care provided to private patients, Nuffield Health Wolverhampton Hospital was named as a top performing independent hospital in a recent NHS Partners Network Report on Independent sector providers caring for NHS patients.

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In a 2015 NHS Partners Network Report, Nuffield Health Wolverhampton Hospital performed particularly highly for primary knee and hip replacement surgery, where it was found that patients had significantly improved knee and hip functionality and reduced pain, using the Oxford Knee and Hip Score technique.

Welcoming

Hospital Director Karen Pattison is enthusiastic about her role in Tettenhall, explaining: "The team are friendly, caring and welcoming.

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Enthusiastic – Hospital Director Karen Pattison

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Curator Carol Thompson, Gillian Burton, Tom Jenkins and Councillor John Reynolds

Howls of delight as Baa-bara back

A FAMILIAR howl is once again ringing through the streets of Wolverhampton – Baa-bara the wolf in sheep's clothing is back.

For more than a decade, Baa-bara emerged from the balcony of Wolverhampton Art Gallery on the hour, bleating and kicking its legs before opening up to reveal a red-eyed, howling wolf.

The much-loved artwork was taken down last year after problems with the circuit board meant it was no longer rising high enough to activate the sensors that release the wolf.

With a bill of more than £330 to fix Baa-bara – or The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing as it's officially known – a group called the Northicote '55ers stepped in and started raising money toward the repair. The group is made up of former Northicote School pupils – called the '55ers because they are the class of 1955 – who meet in the gallery café each month and have been at the forefront of the campaign. Donations were also made through the Friends of Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Now, Baa-bara is back on the balcony and functioning just as it should.

Tom Jenkins, Friends of Wolverhampton Art Gallery chairman, said: "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing is an iconic sculpture which puts smiles on people's faces."

Northicote '55ers member Gillian Burton said: "I'm delighted everyone's fundraising efforts have come to fruition and she is working again."

The art was commissioned from ex-Wolverhampton School of Art student Andy Plant in 1999 as part of the Millennium celebrations, and was inspired by the city's role in the wool trade, which is represented in the crest of the old borough. It even comes with its own sound effects with the bleating of lambs and the howl of wolf.

The wolf used to be introduced with an eerie plume of smoke but frequent calls to the fire service by concerned passers-by put an end to that.

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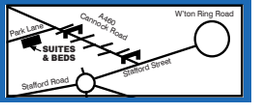

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There will be a chance to join an optional excursion to travel along the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, calling at Levisham, which is turned into a French station occupied by the Germans, and Goathland, home of the Home Guard.

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Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the capital Reykjavik, which is situated around its natural harbour on a fjord. Dominating the skyline here is the famous Hallgrimskirkja church – Iceland's largest, see the monument to the explorer Leif Eriksson plus the house where Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev first met in 1986. To end the tour a visit is made to the Blue Lagoon to enjoy a bathing experience not to be forgotten.

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There's a buzz of excitement at Molineux

Matt Potts can't bee-lieve it as the swarm takes to his car

A close-up of the invaders stuck to Matt's motor

The insects make a beeline for the car parked at Molineux

CAN you bee-lieve what you are seeing here?

A Wolves supporter had to abandon his car at Molineux for more than nine hours after it was attacked by bees.

Matt Potts was left bee-side himself following a visit to the club shop on Saturday afternoon when he returned to his silver Ford vehicle to find it was the Focus of unwanted attention from the bees. He had left it on the club car park and found it under attack by a huge swarm.

The 38-year-old was forced to abandon the car until a beekeeper could be found to remove them. But finding a beekeeper proved no easy task – despite the efforts of club shop staff – as they were all congregated at a 'Healthy Bee' training day in Shugborough.

It meant Mr Potts had to leave his car at the ground and get the 'buzz' home to Willenhall. Mr Potts had visited the shop with his brother Chris to buy a 70th birthday present for his father, Gerald.

And there was a nasty sting in the tail when the delay of more than nine hours meant he and his family were late for Gerald's birthday meal.

"It was absolutely crazy," said Mr Potts' partner, Michelle, aged 40, from Willenhall. "They'd only been in the shop for 10 minutes and when they came out there were bees all over his car.

"They were all over the back of the car and were starting to get under the bonnet. I've never seen anything like it. No one wanted to go near it in case we got stung.

"There were no bees on any of the other cars. I think we must have been singled out by the gold and black army!" A beekeeper arrived at around 6pm, but the stubborn bees rejected his efforts to coax them into a box. Mr Potts said: "He was trying everything but they just wouldn't go in. He said it was because it was still too warm, so we had to wait a few hours for it to cool down."

Eventually the bees relinquished their grip on the car and the beekeeper was able to take them to their new home for the summer, a hive in Wombourne.

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New fusion of Zulu music and dance

A scene from Inala, featuring top dancers and choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, which is coming to Birmingham

FOLLOWING a 2014 tour and sell-out runs at both the Edinburgh International Festival and London's Sadler's Wells, Inala brings together four-time Grammy Award-winning South African choral legends, Ladysmith Black Mambazo with dancers choreographed by the multi-award winning Mark Baldwin.

This unique artistic collaboration sees the Zulu culture-inspired production reworked for 2015 and it comes to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Wednesday as part of a UK tour.

Inala means 'abundance of goodwill' in Zulu and delivers an uplifting live experience, powered by music, song and dance. It features current and former dancers from The Royal Ballet and Rambert with an original score performed by Ladysmith Black Mambazo, created by the group's founder Joseph Shabalala and British composer Ella Spira.

They created the concept for Inala with the Royal Ballet's Pietra Mello-Pittman, who said: "Inala is influenced by Zulu dancing and South African stories and cultures, creating a new language of dance that respects the traditions of 'pure' classical dance training of all our dancers."

Male choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo found worldwide fame when they sang on Paul Simon's Graceland album in 1986.

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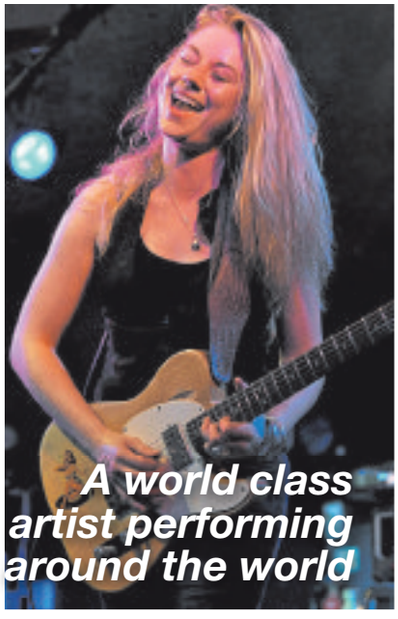

Home grown guitar hero

BLACK Country blues rock singer and guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor will play her only club show of the summer in Bilston.

The songwriter, who released her latest album, The Dirty Truth, last September, will perform live for fans at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday.

Joanne grew up in the Black Country, leaving school at 16 and running straight into her big break when her demo landed in the hands of Eurythmics icon Dave Stewart after a charity gig.

Her debut album White Sugar followed in 2008 and since then she has released another four albums to critical acclaim from rock and blues pundits across the worlds. She has also moved to live in the United States, where her fiery fretwork is much in demand.

Blues fan and Robin 2 owner Mike Hamblett said: "Joanne played her first ever performance at The Robin in Brierley Hill back in 2000, as a young teenager.

"She has gone on to become a world class artist, performing around the world."

He continued: "It gives me great pleasure and is a great honour to see Joanne come back to her roots performing once again at the Robin 2, with special guests Virgil & The Accelerators, another great emerging blues rock talent destined for much bigger things."

Tickets cost £17.50 in advance or £19.50 on the night, available from therobin.co.uk or by calling the box office on 01902 401211.

Comedy, cricket and Carpenters

ONE-NIGHTERS over the forthcoming weekend and week include veteran vocal group The Drifters at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow night (Friday) and Glaswegian comic Kevin Bridges at the Civic Hall in Wolverhampton on Saturday.

Also on Saturday is Voice of the Heart, a two-hour tribute to the music of The Carpenters featuring singer Carole Gordon, the Blue Jeans Band and singers at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Behatted singer-songwriter Badly Drawn Boy is at Birmingham's Town Hall on Saturday, and Geoffrey Boycott and Jonathan Agnew share cricket anecdotes at the Symphony Hall on Monday.

Folk gig is delayed by bizarre accident

A CONCERT by folk veterans The Strawbs has been put back to the new year after singer Dave Cousins choked on a cup of tea and passed out.

The band was due to perform at the Robin 2 in Bilston on July 24. But Dave was taken to hospital on June 16 after choking on a cup of tea. This caused him to lose consciousness, hitting his head. He was discharged on June 19 but the accident dislodged a kidney stone and on June 24 he was operated on.

The band's leader for 50 years, he is recovering well but is not yet fit enough to tour. The show has been rescheduled for April 27.

Autumn of rock in West Midlands

AUTUMN is shaping up to be a memorable season for indie rock fans with some choice gigs.

US psych band Wand play The Rainbow in Digbeth on September 12. Rising stars Wolf Alice, one of the hits of Glastonbury, play The Institute on September 17. In October highlights include West Midlands homecomings for Peace at Wolverhampton Civic (Oct 10) and Swim Deep at The Institute (Oct 17). Singer-songwriter James Bay is at 02 Academy in Brum (Oct 8), London's next big thing Gengarh are at the Hare & Hounds in Kings Heath (Oct 12) and Liverpool's Circa Waves play The Institute (Oct 16).

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Penguins nesting at Boulders Beach

Life's a beach – beach huts at Muizenberg

Tasty treat – food and wine pairing at Steenberg, South Africa

Sunset at Clifton Bay

Cape Town – so much to see, so little time, but so worthwhile

By Hannah Stephenson

FORTY-EIGHT hours in Cape Town – so much to do, so little time. But as a tag-on to a safari or the Garden Route, it's worthwhile.

Food, wine, culture and cabs are ridiculously cheap thanks to the strong pound against the rand.

On my visit, I plan to take in the obvious highlights for first-time visitors.

I start with a visit to the jewel in the geological crown of this diverse metropolis, the majestic Table Mountain, a sandstone wonder of the world which looms large wherever you go in the city.

The string of peaks known as the 12 Apostles are a favourite with hikers, but I chose to join the queue for the Cableway cable car on a five-minute ride to the top (adult return 225 rand/around £12.50). A revolving floor within the car ensures all budding photographers have a 360 degree birds' eye view.

You could spend a good few hours up here balancing your yin and yang. Young visitors sunbathe on the rocks, others seek out the flora, fauna and wildlife – I see lizards, but there are also guinea-pig-like creatures called rock rabbits, or dassies, and nearly 1,500 species of fynbos, including proteas, ericas and reeds.

After Table Mountain, I head for the lush vineyards of Constantia, around 20 minutes away, to test my palate with a wine-tasting session at Bistro Sixteen82 at Steenberg Farm, which produces some of the country's finest wine.

To blow the cobwebs away after lunch, I head for Boulders Beach, home to colonies of African penguins nesting on the beach and waddling about on the rocks. You pay 60 rand (£3.30) to get in, but have good vantage points from the boardwalk.

Further up the coastline of False Bay, I stop off for souvenirs at the quirky, bohemian seaside town of Kalk Bay.

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After a full day, I'm ready to try some of South Africa's finest fare. Cape Town offers a wealth of sophisticated dining based on local produce. I try springbok and ostrich while I'm here, as well as abundant seafood, from freshly caught tuna and angel fish, to oysters and scallops.

The next day, I venture to the spot I anticipate will be the highlight of my 48 hours – Robben Island. Catching the ferry from the Nelson Mandela Gateway at the fashionable V&A Waterfront, a symbol of Cape Town's resurgence post-apartheid with its trendy restaurants, upmarket shopping malls, colonial-style buildings and working harbour, Robben Island and all it represents could be a million miles away.

It's actually a half-hour boat ride to the island, a Unesco World Heritage Site, which had been used as a prison since the 17th century and also served as a leper colony and as a lunatic asylum. We're taken on a bus around this desolate scrubland stopping at the limestone quarry where the prisoners spent their days breaking rocks in the scorching sun.

Back on the mainland, I experience the other extreme, namely fashionable Clifton, one of the wealthiest areas of Cape Town.

Here, we stay at Cape View, which calls itself a luxury guesthouse but that's a huge understatement. Checking my watch, I've done my 48 hours but I wish I had more . . .

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CHOICE

Len Goodman

Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story (BBC2, 9.10pm)

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE day, Jools Holland, Lucy Worsley and Len Goodman celebrate the big band sound and explore the social history behind the music that saw Britain through the Second World War. They trace the evolution of big band music from its beginnings in 1920s America to its glory days in the three decades that followed. Jools demonstrates how the big band sound developed through the influence of legends such as Duke Ellington, while Len and Lucy explore the dancing that accompanied big bands during the war, like the energetic Jitterbug. Featuring contributions by Petula Clark, Roy Hudd and Juliet Gardiner.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Box. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying. Suzi Perry introduces coverage from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.20** Live Athletics: Anniversary Games. Coverage from the Olympic Stadium in London. **5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. With Ken Dodd, Ore Oduba, Lizzy Yarnold and Alex Riley. (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight chart-topping singers - Paul Young and Carol Decker, Sheila Ferguson and Dana, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott and Keith Duffy and Mikey Graham. (R)

6.40 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Prized Apart. The four remaining adventurers in Morocco compete on the side of Barrage el Mansour´s dam, as the series reaches a dramatic finale. Last in the series.

8.05 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. The all-important winning numbers are revealed.

9.00 Casualty. Jacob starts his first day at Holby's accident and emergency department, and he immediately has to put his powers of persuasion to use when a lie nearly costs a girl her life. Medical drama, starring Charles Venn.

9.50 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, but uses unorthodox methods to stop the fake infant from crying. Meanwhile, Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. Comedy, written by and starring Brendan O'Carroll. (R)

10.20 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.40 Not Going Out. The friends jet off on a summer holiday, only for Lucy and Daisy to endure the worst flight of their lives when Lee gets a bad case of the jitters on the plane. (R)

11.10 Film: The Proposal. (2009) A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from America bribes her assistant into a marriage of convenience. Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.35** Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix – Practice One. (R) **8.15** Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix – Practice Two. (R) **9.55** Live Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.10** F1 Rewind: First Wins. **12.10** Gene Kelly: Talking Pictures. (R) **12.45 Film:** Singin' in the Rain. (1952) Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. **2.30** Escape to the Continent. **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.00** The House That £100K Built. (R) **5.00** The House That £100K Built. Journalist Kieran Long and architect Piers Taylor follow the progress of Sholto and his partner Marcus, whose dream to build a dream home near Inverness has proved problematic. (R)

6.00 Ocean Queens: The Story of Cunard. As all three of Cunard's world famous liners make an historic visit to Liverpool, Simon O'Brien reflects on 175 years of pioneering transatlantic travel.

6.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don travels to Cambridge for a tour of the garden at Clare College. He also catches up with various seasonal tasks at Longmeadow and harvests the first of his tomato crop. (R)

7.00 Proms Extra 2015. New series. Katie Derham chats to violinist Nicola Benedetti, who performs in the studio. Plus, previews of the week's concerts and David Owen Norris presents Inside the Score.

7.40 Edwardian Farm. Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn set sail on a fishing trip, steering a wind-powered vessel, casting a net and mastering sea shanties. Meanwhile, Ruth Goodman holds a seance. (R)

8.40 Dad's Army. The bumbling platoon boosts its fighting strength by acquiring an armoured car. Classic comedy, starring Clive Dunn and Arthur Lowe. (R)

9.10 Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE day, Jools Holland, Lucy Worsley and Len Goodman celebrate the big band sound that saw Britain through the Second World War.

10.40 Film: Zodiac. (2007) Fact-based crime thriller following the hunt for a serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr.

1.10 Film: Repo Chick. (2009) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **2.35** The Chase. (R) **3.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **4.15** Tipping Point. (R) **5.15** Catchphrase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' videos. A toy bear is interrogated for information, a little girl's prayers turn into a terrifying threat, Disney princesses conduct body searches and One Direction vandalise a family home. Plus, the Great Susan Boyle Eyebrow Race and tips for keeping a marriage fresh. (R)

7.00 Film: Despicable Me. (2010) A criminal mastermind hopes to seal his reputation as the greatest villain of them all by stealing the moon. First he needs to get his hands on a shrinking ray owned by a rival evil genius, and adopts three orphan girls to help him – but finds that fatherhood brings out his long-buried caring side. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand and Julie Andrews.

9.00 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. The spotlight is turned to the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Featuring interviews with Spandau Ballet, Bonnie Tyler and Madness, plus a look at the stories behind chart classics such as Don't You Want Me, Tainted Love, Billie Jean and Come On Eileen. Zoe Ball narrates.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Twins. (1988) Genetically designed twin brothers who were separated at birth set out on an adventure in search of their unknown mother. Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito.

12.40 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Ejector Seat. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Ironman UK Bolton. **6.35** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.00** IPC World Swimming Championships 2015. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Rude(ish) Tube. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and York. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. It is the final dinner party in Lancashire and the turn of sales manager Andy to host. He is confident in his locally sourced menu, but faces the challenge of impressing Nicky. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Homes by the Sea. Architectural designer Charlie Luxton visits the Isle of Skye in the Inner Hebrides to explore how some of the island's abandoned buildings are being brought back to life by an influx of newcomers. He explores a traditional Skye longhouse, which blends Scottish simplicity and Scandinavian chic, before viewing a white property and a contemporary farm house. Previously seen on More4.

8.00 Walking Through History: Norman Conquest of Pembrokeshire. Tony Robinson embarks on a four-day walk tracing the story of the Norman invasion of Wales, which he discovers was very different from the victory at Hastings. (R)

9.00 Film: Pitch Perfect. (2012) Premiere. A new student finds herself a social outcast during her first year of college, but soon acquires a new circle of friends in a band of misfits with a shared talent for singing. She joins their a cappella group and leads them to compete in the campus music competitions. Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

11.15 Film: The Tourist. (2010) A woman tries to trick the police into thinking a tourist is her criminal lover with his appearance surgically changed. Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie.

1.15 The Last Leg. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **5.25** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **5.30** Draw It! (R) **5.55** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.35 Film:** Columbo: Dead Weight. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) **4.05** Weather Terror: Brits in Peril. (R) **5.05** 5 News. The day's headlines. **5.10** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. A former financier who lives on a remote island in Laos. (R)

6.10 Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting the Cost. Three women on benefits who are struggling to bring up their children, including a mother-of-seven who also cares for her husband as he has health problems. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. Landlord Nicholas Parrington discovers a couple are subletting his house, just months after a previous tenant had turned the property into a brothel, while investors in a community centre for children are aghast when squatters move into their building. In Lewisham, the council's Rogue Landlord Unit raids one of their main streets, on the lookout for slum conditions, illegal overcrowding and criminal activities. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High-court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face some tough decisions when they are given the task of repossessing a house in which a woman is living with two young children. They also pursue a debt of more than £25,000 and visit a tenant in a fashionable London borough who has not paid his rent. (R)

9.00 Transporter: The Series. In Berlin, ex-special forces agent Frank finds a simple chauffeur job ferrying rich young socialite Delia back to her father quickly turns into a protection task after learning German crime lord Frieder Trumpf is aiming to kidnap the young heiress. Action drama, starring Chris Vance. Previously seen on Spike.

10.00 Live Championship Boxing. Nick Blackwell v Damon Jones. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the British Middleweight title, held at Derby Arena.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00 Film:** Shrek (2001) **10.25** Live at the Apollo **11.10** Family Guy **1.30** People Just Do Nothing **2.00** Some Girls **3.30** People Just Do Nothing **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **8.00** Pappano's Classical Voices: Baritones & Basses **9.00** Cordon **10.45** The Heart of Country: How Nashville Became Music City USA **12.15** Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music **1.15** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.50** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **2.50** Timeshift: How to Be a Lady – An Elegant History **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.25 Catchphrase Celebrity Special **12.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **12.55 Film:** The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005) **3.15** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.45 Film:** The Lake House (2006) **6.50 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00 Film:** Love Actually (2003) **11.45 Film:** Troy (2004) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.10 Rosemary & Thyme **12.50** A Touch of Frost **4.50 Film:** Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.05** Wire in the Blood **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Tour de France Highlights **12.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of the 20th stage. **4.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.00** Counting Cars **6.00** Storage Wars: Texas **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00 Film:** The Living Daylights (1987) **10.40 Film:** The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996) **1.05** Tour de France Highlights **1.55** The Cycle Show **2.45** Movies Now **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Melissa & Joey **12.30** Baby Daddy **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.30 Film:** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Shallow Hal (2001) **11.15** Gogglebox **12.50** Bad Robots **1.20** Rude Tube **2.25** Virtually Famous **3.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.50** Rude(ish) Tube **4.15** Revenge

Film4

11.00 Silent Running (1972) **1.00** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.05** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.45** The Grinch (2000) **6.55** Scrooged (1988) **9.00** Transporter 3 (2008) **11.05** Hush (2008) **12.50** The Insider (1999) **4.00** Close

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CHOICE

Fiona Bruce

Fake or Fortune? (BBC1, 8pm)

Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould help Under-Sheriff and Secondary of London Charles Henty investigate whether two paintings in his possession are as valuable as he thinks. The first is a landscape picture of Dedham in Essex, thought to have been painted by pre-eminent British artist Alfred Munnings, and the second painting is of a medieval French village, and was rumoured to have been produced by part-time painter, full-time prime minister Winston Churchill. Charles hopes the sale of these two potentially pricey heirlooms will help protect jobs at a working French farm he inherited from his late uncle, but first he must learn whether the pictures are truly genuine. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Live Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix. Coverage of the race from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** A Question of Sport. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **5.00** Lifeline. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison, Adam Henson and Tom Heap visit the Kent County Show for the programme's summer special. John Hammond uses a weird and wonderful experiment to demonstrate why the area's climate is so good for growing fruit, while there are displays from the Metropolitan Mounted Police and a Spitfire fly-by to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Football Focus presenter Dan Walker is also on hand to commentate on a race with a difference as the presenters pit their wits against each other. including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould explore the history of two potentially valuable pictures thought to have been painted by Alfred Munnings and Winston Churchill. Last in the series.

9.00 Partners in Crime. New series. Crime drama based on novels by Agatha Christie. An ordinary married couple are thrust into a world of international espionage. Starring David Walliams and Jessica Raine, with Clarke Peters, Alice Krige and James Fleet.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Prized Apart. The four remaining adventurers in Morocco compete on the side of Barrage el Mansour's dam, as the series reaches a dramatic finale. Last in the series. (R)

11.35 Don't Tell the Bride. Darren plans a movie premiere-inspired wedding for his bride-to-be Jacquie and has a budget of £14,000 to spend, but she is hoping for a small, elegant and traditional event. (R)

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.40** Countryfile. (R) **8.25** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.55** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.25** BMX World Championships. **10.25** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.55** The Box. (R) **12.25** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.25** Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.15 Film:** Shall We Dance? (1937) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Two Tribes. **5.00** Hair. (R) **5.30** Hair. (R)

6.00 Ghost Bear Family: Natural World. Canadian film-maker Jeff Turner and his own family spend a year with a family of North American black bears that are born pure white due to a quirk of genetics. (R)

7.00 Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways. The development of the UK's rail network, from its beginnings as a primitive system of trackways for coal carts in the early 18th century up to the present day. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. A pair of entrepreneurs try to persuade the Dragons to invest in their potential solution to tidying TV cables, while Peter, Touker and Nick test out muscle enhancing clothing.

9.00 Odyssey. Odelle is reunited with her young friend Aslam, while Harrison makes inquires about a story his father left unfinished. Thriller, starring Anna Friel and Jake Robinson.

9.45 The Javone Prince Show. The PhoneShop and Horrible Histories actor is attacked by ninjas, reveals Will.i.am's new role as a HR consultant, hears all about his announcer's grudge against actor Idris Elba.

10.15 Family Guy. Brian becomes an estate agent after having cosmetic surgery.

10.35 Family Guy. Peter and Quagmire form a singer-songwriter partnership.

10.55 Family Guy. Peter goes on a quest to save Quahog's annual Christmas carnival from cancellation, which involves transforming his father in-law from a scrooge to a home-town hero.

11.20 Film: Adventureland. (2009) Comedy, with Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Ryan Reynolds.

1.00 Film: Kicks. (2009) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.35** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (R) **2.35** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.35 Film:** King Ralph. (1991)The British royal family is wiped out in a freak accident, making a slobbish Las Vegas singer the claimant to the throne. Comedy, with John Goodman, Peter O'Toole and John Hurt.

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Meet the Penguins. Documentary following the story of Adrian Walls, head of birds at London Zoo, as he fulfils a lifelong ambition to see endangered Humboldt penguins in the wilds of Peru.

8.00 Surprise Surprise. Holly Willoughby celebrates one last selection of public heroes, including a woman with cancer who helps terminally ill people enjoy the wedding of their dreams. Last in the series.

9.00 Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure. Joanna concludes her journey, visiting the city where the Russian royal family was killed, before returning to the place where she was photographed in 1966. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive. Kelly Holmes, Mike Tindall and Vogue Williams battle to be crowned winner, as they abseil down a waterfall and follow the sound of a distress signal. Last in the series. (R)

11.20 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Beverley Callard. The Coronation Street star looks back on her acting career and turbulent personal life. She reveals how a nervous breakdown led her to the brink of suicide. She also reflects on her four marriages, and opens up about her grandfather, who was jailed for killing a man. (R)

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** Anniversary Games Athletics. Coverage of the meeting at The Stadium at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. **4.40** Channel 4 News. **5.10 Film:** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. (2009) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf.

8.00 Experimental. New series. Presenter Tim Shaw and daredevil friend Buddy Munro travel the globe to recreate some of the most famous – and dangerous – viral videos to have ever appeared on the internet, hoping to uncover the scientific truth behind them in the process. In the first episode, Tim tries to remake a video of Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic playing tennis on the wings of a flying plane, taking Buddy to Germany to see if they can achieve the same on an Antonov AN-2 aircraft. Strapped to the wings, Buddy challenges a professional air-acrobat to a rally hundreds of metres above the German countryside. The pair also drop 7,000 mint sweets into 1,000 litres of cola, and Buddy tries an unusual fireman's lift in Whitehaven, Cumbria – being elevated on a platform by just the force of fire engine water hoses.

9.00 Humans. Pete tries to find out who Karen really is, but is unprepared for what he finds out. Laura provides the fugitive synths with a safe hiding place as Hobb closes in on them.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers panel game, in which Sean Lock and Mel Giedroyc compete against Lee Mack and David O'Doherty. With Adam Buxton in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.00 Film: The Change-Up. (2011) Two friends envy each other's lives, but when they magically switch bodies, they both learn that the other does not have it so easy. Comedy, with Jason Bateman.

1.10 Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits. **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** You Deserve This House. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **5.30** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.05** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.30** Jelly Jamm. (R) **8.45** LazyTown. (R) **9.15** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Access. **10.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20 Film:** Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **3.10 Film:** Big Momma's House 2. (2006) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Britain's Best Loved Double Acts. (R)

8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. The actor introduces more clips of police in action. In Lincolnshire, officers are hot on the heels of a burglar, a roadside stop results in a huge bag of cannabis being discovered, and Jon Peacock encounters the country's fussiest felon. Plus, police in Essex deal with a potential hostage situation. Previously seen on Spike.

9.00 Film: Resident Evil: Retribution. (2012) Premiere. Zombie fighter Alice finds herself trapped in a top-secret underground base as a virus sweeps the world, turning the human race into the undead. She battles through the complex in search of those responsible for the outbreak and faces an old friend, now under the control of her enemies. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory and Michelle Rodriguez. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.

10.50 Film: The Last of the Mohicans. (1992) A frontiersman falls for a British officer's daughter who is being hunted by a vengeful war chief during the Anglo-French War. Adventure, with Daniel Day-Lewis and Madeleine Stowe.

1.00 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Under the Dome. Christine plays mind games with the townsfolk of Chester's Mill. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. A Victorian house in Norwich. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix – Highlights **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00 Film:** Meet the Fockers (2004) **10.50** Live at the Apollo **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.25** Family Guy **12.50** People Just Do Nothing **1.20** Don't Take My Baby **2.20** The Ugly Face of Disability Hate Crime **3.15** Live at the Apollo **3.50** Great TV Mistakes

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony **8.15** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **9.00** A Blackpool Big Band Boogie: Jools Holland and His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra **10.00** Len Goodman's Big Band Bonanza **11.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways **12.00** Brakeless: Why Trains Crash – Storyville **1.00** Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 **2.00** What Ever Happened to Rock 'n' Roll? **3.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways

ITV2

12.15 Take Me Out **1.40** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.45** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **3.45 Film:** Beethoven (1991) **5.30 Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) **7.15 Film:** Johnny English (2003) **9.00 Film:** 300 (2006) **11.20** Safeword **12.00 Film:** Romy and Michele's High School Reunion (1997) **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.00 Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) **1.05 Film:** Vanity Fair (2004) **3.55 Film:** On the Buses (1971) **5.45** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Inspector Morse **10.20** Birds of a Feather **10.50 Film:** Something's Gotta Give (2003) **1.15** Blue Murder **2.40** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

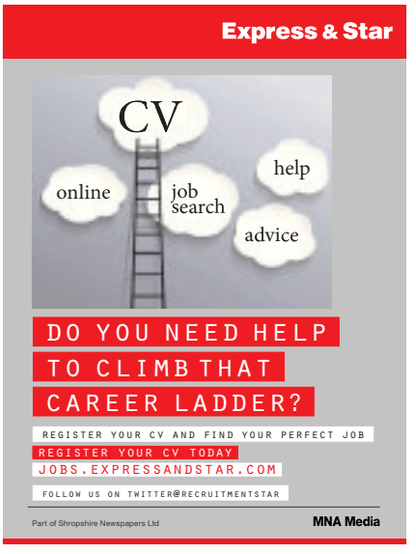
12.00 Tour de France Highlights **1.00** Tour de France Live: La Course. The women's 90km race. **3.00** Storage Wars: New York **4.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of the 21st stage. **7.00** Counting Cars **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00** Tour de France Highlights **10.00 Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **12.10 Film:** DOA: Dead or Alive (2006) **1.40** Duck Dynasty **2.05** Tour de France Highlights **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.25 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** The Big Bang Theory – E4's Top 20 **8.00 Film:** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **10.15** Gogglebox **11.55 Film:** Scary Movie 2 (2001) **1.30** Tattoo Fixers **2.35** Rules of Engagement **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 An Elephant Called Slowly (1970) **1.00** Step Up 3 (2010) **3.10** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **4.50** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) **6.40** The Core (2003) **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.50** End of Watch (2012) **1.00** Gone Too Far! (2013)



FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
From Hell, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A detective tries to use his opium-triggered visions to put an end to Jack the Ripper's reign of terror over 19th-century London. But in the course of his investigation, he uncovers a sinister conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of Victorian society. Mystery thriller, based on Alan Moore's comic book series, starring Johnny Depp. (2001)

TUESDAY
Twelve Monkeys, BBC1, 11.45pm
A time traveller from 2035 journeys back to the 1990s to discover the cause of a deadly disease that ravaged the world, only to be thrown into an asylum. He meets a fellow patient who may hold the key to his mission, but the longer he spends in the past, the more he comes to question whether he really is from the future or simply delusional. Terry Gilliam's sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt. (1995)

WEDNESDAY
Dear Viola, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. A shy woman takes over a newspaper's advice column and soon begins to fall in love with a widower she starts corresponding with. Romantic comedy, starring Kellie Martin. (2014)

AI: Artificial Intelligence, Friday, BBC1, 11.15pm

THURSDAY
A Killer Among Us, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A homicide detective refuses to give up when the murder of a woman goes unsolved, and continues to discreetly investigate after the case is closed. He becomes convinced the victim's husband is the killer, and recruits their teenage daughter as an accomplice to gather evidence against her own father. Crime thriller, starring Tess Atkins and Tom Cavanagh. (2012)

FRIDAY
AI: Artificial Intelligence, BBC1, 11.15pm
A robot boy programmed to see his owner as a parent tries to become human, so the 'mother' who rejected him will love him. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi drama, starring Haley Joel Osment, Jude Law, William Hurt and Frances O'Connor. (2001)

Couple are drawn into a dangerous world

Think of Agatha Christie and what immediately springs to mind?

Probably fastidious Belgian detective Hercule Poirot and sharp-as-a-tack pensioner Miss Marple.

In fact, there are maybe even some people who have never read any of her work that believe Christie's output only features those two formidable characters.

But how wrong they are.

Christie wrote a variety of books and short stories that featured neither of them, as well as four novels and a collection of tales featuring the adventures of Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, a pair of married amateur detectives.

The Beresfords first popped up in 1922, and their adventures spanned the next 50 years – indeed their final story, Postern of Fate, was the last novel written by Christie.

This take on their tales takes place solely in the 1950s and stars David Walliams and Jessica Raine as the daring duo. It also mixes espionage, drama and humour against the backdrop of the Cold War.

The first run features two stories – The Secret Adversary and N or M? – and lasts six weeks. Christie's books are relatively short and tend to be adapted into feature-length dramas, so it's refreshing that here, viewers have something to really get their teeth into – as well as the potential for cliffhangers at the end of each episode.

In fact, the whole project appears to have been put together with tender loving care.

"David Walliams and Hilary Strong from the Agatha Christie Group came to discuss the fact that they wanted to reinvent Tommy and Tuppence," says executive producer Hilary Bevan Jones. "David was particularly tickled by the idea of a married amateur detective duo and the image of them bickering over a dead body.

"Christie has a wonderful sense of humour and I'm not sure how many people of this generation know that. We decided to think of it as Indiana Jones meets Agatha Christie."

Eyebrows may be raised at the thought of Walliams playing Tommy, but Zinnie Harris, who adapted their first case, The Secret Adversary, for the small screen, reckons he's perfect.

"David is a wonderful Tommy as I always thought he would be," she reveals. "He is a great combination of brave, gung-ho and a bit left-footed which is quite a hard thing to pull off. I love what he has done with the character.

"But more than that, David and I worked quite closely as the first script was being shaped and written so he brought masses to the whole series. He was a great collaborator as all those early decisions about tone and story were being made. In fact many of the best ideas were his!"

Will we be seeing more of Tommy and Tuppence once this run is over? According to Walliams, that's up to us.

"We certainly hope there will be more Tommy and Tuppence adventures," he remarks. "There are more books to adapt and it's been a real pleasure filming these two stories. But ultimately, it's what the public think. If the public enjoy it, then I am sure there will be more. It has been a brilliant adventure so far..."

Jessica Raine and David Walliams star in Partners in Crime, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Food Unwrapped: Diets for Summer
Channel 4, 8pm
Jimmy Doherty, Kate Quilton and Matt Tebbutt reveal the latest scientific tips and ideas on how food can help people tone up their bodies. Jimmy goes on an east Asian adventure to look for the mystery ingredient in a new range of diet foods containing konjac noodles, which have no fat and virtually no calories, and also discovers that finding out the calorific content of alcohol isn't easy. Kate examines research suggesting eating nuts can help shed pounds rather than piling them on, while Matt investigates ways to hone biceps and abs.

TUESDAY
The Three Day Nanny
Channel 4, 8pm
Is it really possible to turn the life of a family around in just three days? If the first run of this series is anything to go by, yes. It followed the progress of professional childminder Kathryn Mewes, who has spent the past 20 or so years taking care of youngsters. During that time, she has developed certain methods that can help parents with badly behaved children. Dom Bird, Channel 4's head of formats, says: "I am delighted to be bringing Nanny Mewes' expertise back to the screens as she tackles the behavioural problems of a whole new set of children and fretful parents." She begins in East Grinstead, West Sussex, where Susan and James Rogers are having trouble with three-year-old twins Alfie and Harry.

WEDNESDAY
The Day They Dropped The Bomb
ITV, 10.40pm
On August 6, 1945 the world changed forever, when a uranium gun-type atomic bomb (codenamed Little Boy) was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by the US Air Force's Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay. Little Boy exploded 2,000 feet above the city, destroyed five square miles, and eventually killed in excess of 160,000 people. This documentary marks the 70th anniversary of the day the world's first atomic bomb was detonated, and features an in-depth account of what happened on that tragic day, through rarely seen archive footage and unique interviews with eyewitnesses. Also interviewed is Enola Gay navigator Theodore Van Kirk, who was the last surviving member of the crew who dropped the bomb, before his death last year.

BBQ Champ, Friday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
The Holiday Airport: Sun, Sea & Scousers
Channel 5, 8pm
Grand National fever hits the airport as hundreds of excited race-goers pass through for the annual steeplechase. A skateboarding crew from Herefordshire are en route to Barcelona, but when it turns out some of them have a fear of flying, it seems they might not get very far, while a woman who has lost more than eight stone fuels up at the airport restaurants and bars before flying out to Palma for the sporting challenge of a lifetime.

FRIDAY
BBQ Champ
ITV, 9pm
For some people, a successful BBQ means that the burgers are only burnt on the outside and no one goes home with food poisoning. But this new series, which could also have been called the Great British Grill Off, sees presenter Myleene Klass inviting a group of contestants to combine raw meat and fire to make something truly spectacular in the hope of being declared King or Queen of the BBQ. Each week, the hopefuls will be given two chances to impress judges Adam Richman of Man vs Food fame, and British chef and restaurateur Mark Blatchford as they take part in one challenge at BBQ HQ before heading off to another on location. This week, that means rustling up a dish that shows off their personality, before working together to create a barbecue buffet.

Ripper Street
BBC1, 9pm
There were howls of outrage in December 2013 when it was announced that there wouldn't be a third series of this gritty period drama. Luckily, the BBC listened, as they subsequently teamed up with Amazon Prime to revive the show. And now, for anyone who hasn't already watched it online, here's a chance to see why the fans wanted to keep it going, as the third season come to the BBC. In this opening edition, the robbery of a goods train and a locomotive disaster on Leman Street leads Reid, Drake and Jackson to reunite after four years apart.

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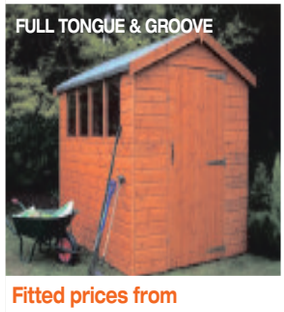
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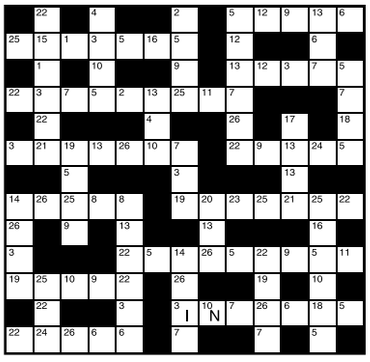

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

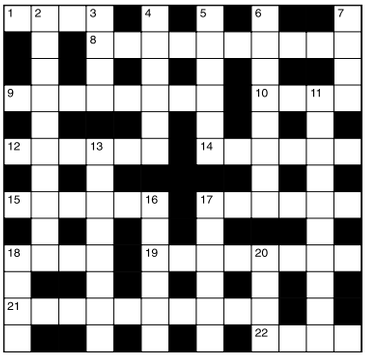
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Come a cropper in the cropping season? (4)
8. Apropos the sign of possession... (10)
9. ... be seen again to gather fruit (8)
10. Shed players (4)
12. It's obvious father can camp (6)
14. Fearsome things almost - they can't be right! (6)
15. Didn't get the desired husband? (6)
17. Despises ship holding grain (6)
18. The weather they have at Spithead at present (4)
19. Flowers, perhaps (8)
21. Failed to notice being in somebody's view (10)
22. Favourites return at the interval (4)

Down

2. Later change a can with nothing in it for a change (10)
3. The French politician throws light on things (4)
4. Powerful ring given for article in 12 (6)
5. Averts disaster only to die of hunger (6)
6. Entertainment with nothing but a musical composition (8)
7. Master the rhythm? (4)
11. A season in leap-year, no doubt (10)
13. Tread was pointing to the rising sun (8)
16. It may mean no treat when he treats! (6)
17. Match action taken by workers (6)
18. Tops up here (4)
20. The last things to associate with odds (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Girl (4)
8. Ineffective (10)
9. Footpath (8)
10. Not new (4)
12. Amuse (6)
14. Marauder (6)
15. Put in (6)
17. Invent (6)
18. Liability (4)
19. Capsize (8)
21. Confederate (10)
22. Humble (4)

Down

2. Disagreeing (2,8)
3. Certain (4)
4. Mourn (6)
5. Raillery (6)
6. Light up (8)
7. Old (4)
11. Voters (10)
13. Building (6)
16. Company (6)
17. Believe (6)
18. Do business (4)
20. Pour (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Image; 8 Ironing; 9 Handsaw; 10 Locum; 12 Large print; 15 Rolling sea; 18 Eight; 19 Ordinal; 21 Find out; 22 Amiss. Down: 1 Light verse; 2 Maine; 3 Pens; 4 Bigwig; 5 Collapse; 6 Circuit; 11 Metabolism; 13 Aviation; 14 Elegant; 16 Ghosts; 17 Anvil; 20 Drag. QUICK - Across: 7 Touch; 8 Actions; 9 Tuneful; 10 Rider; 12 Settlement; 15 Evanescent; 18 Yearn; 19 Uniform; 21 Classic; 22 Learn. Down: 1 Stationery; 2 Funny; 3 Chef; 4 Tablet; 5 Sturgeon; 6 Soldier; 11 Retirement; 13 Evenness; 14 Caravan; 16 Crutch; 17 Focal; 20 Idle.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What nationality was detective writer Georges Simenon?
2. In what year was the St. Valentine's Day massacre?
3. What type of variety act was made popular by Edgar Bergen and Ray Alan?
4. Who was born first, Yoko Ono or John Lennon?
5. With which branch of science do you associate Copernicus?
6. Which agricultural pioneer invented the seed drill?
7. What was the real surname of American black muslim leader Malcolm X?
8. From which country did the U.S. buy Florida?
9. Of which country was Juan Peron the president?
10. What does RADAR stand for?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Violin; 2 22; 3 Franklin D Roosevelt; 4 Hiram Maxim; 5 New Zealand; 6 Capability; 7 Ruritania; 8 1983; 9 The first men's and women's public flushing lavatories; 10 Escoffier.

Niner: HYPOCRITE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

835 gives an animal,
91529 gives a large bird,
5362745 gives a baby bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Spacious Victorian home has potential

THIS Victorian property, known as Gowerton House on Tettenhall Road, Newbridge, provides spacious accommodation.

It is for sale through Steventon Land and Estate Agents for £299,950 with no upward chain. The ground floor has a hallway, two living rooms, fitted kitchen, rear hall, downstairs family bathroom, utility room, four bedrooms and a shower room. Upstairs are two further bedrooms and a study area.

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Ryhope Walk
New Price

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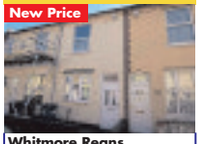

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- Garage and Driveway

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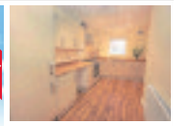

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- DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE STORY
- SIX BEDROOMS
- TWO ENSUITES
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS

OIRO £425,000

Himley Crescent, Wolverhampton
- CORNER PLOT
- GOLDTHORN PARK AREA
- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- TWO BEDROOMS
- TWO CONSERVATORIES
- FITTED KITCHEN

OIRO £290,000

Gorsemoor Way, Wolverhampton
- Five Bedrooms
- Porch & Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Large Kitchen
- Conservatory

OIRO £250,000

Oxley Moor Road, Wolverhampton
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- POPULAR LOCATION
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE BATHROOM
- LARGE FAMILY BATHROOM
- TWO CONSERVATORIES

Offers in Excess of £245,000

Birchcroft, Wolverhampton
- Detached bungalow
- Entrance hallway
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Two conservatories
- Two bedrooms

OIRO £240,000

Birmingham New
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- SEMI DETACHED
- FRONT DRIVEWAY
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM
- UTILITY

OIRO £220,000

Alameda Gardens, Wolverhampton
- Three bedroom
- Two Reception rooms
- Three Story
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off road parking

OIRO £209,950

Chepstow Close, Wolverhampton
- Detached House
- Popular location
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining room

OIRO £180,000

Wickham Gardens, Wolverhampton
- DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- PLAYROOM

OIRO £169,995

Wellington Road, Bilston
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- BREAKFAST ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM

OIRO £169,950

Church Walk, Wolverhampton
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Original Gas Fires
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

OIRO £169,000

Cannock Road, Wolverhampton
- SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- UTILITY ROOM/DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- FIVE BEDROOMS

OIRO £140,000

Mountford Lane, Bilston
- Semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen

OIRO £140,000

Lea Road, Wolverhampton
- Terraced property
- Entrance hallway
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room
- Downstairs bathroom

OIRO £139,000

Fowler Street, Wolverhampton
- SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- SPACIOUS LAYOUT
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS

OIRO £124,000

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- IDEAL FAMILY HOME
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- THREE BEDROOMS

OIRO £119,950

Carlton Avenue, Wolverhampton
- SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- ENTRANCE PORCH
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- CONSERVATORY
- THREE BEDROOMS

OIRO £115,000

Hough Way, Wolverhampton
- OPEN HOUSE 29TH MARCH !!
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Sought After Location

OIRO £105,000

Rothesay Gardens, Wolverhampton
- MODERN THROUGHOUT
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- LARGE LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- TWO BEDROOM

OIRO £104,995

Bealeys Avenue, Wolverhampton
- MID TERRACED
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- LOUNGE/DINER
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Dam Mill Close, Wolverhampton
- UPPER FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING

Offers in Excess of £99,000

Leicester Street, Wolverhampton
- MID TERRACE HOUSE
- WHITMORE REANS AREA
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM

OIRO £80,000

Barley Close, Wolverhampton
- GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- ONE BEDROOM
- REFITTED KITCHEN
- STORAGE ROOMS
- FRONT GARDEN
- DOUBLE GLAZED

Offers in Excess of £63,000

Rosewood Gardens, Wolverhampton
- Spacious Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Study Room

OIRO £295,000

Jeremy Road, Wolverhampton
- CORNER PLOT
- DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM

OIRO £265,000

Jenkins Street, Birmingham
- End terrace
- Four bedrooms
- Large kitchen
- Utility room
- Rear garden
- Gas central heating

OIRO £135,000

Wanderers Avenue, Wolverhampton
- Terraced
- Entrance hallway
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C
- Downstairs Shower room

OIRO £135,000

Fisher Street, Wolverhampton
- Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms

OIRO £79,995

Northover Close, Wolverhampton
- GROUND FLOOR PROPERTY
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- REFITTED KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- DOUBLE BEDROOM
- LOUNGE

OIRO £75,000

James Street, Bilston
- Upper Floor Flat
- Well maintained
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- One bedroom

Offers in Excess of £50,000

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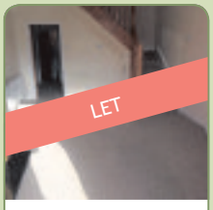

Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield
- END TERRACE
- TWO BEDROOMS
- RECEPTION ROOM
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

Monthly Rental Of £775

Hollybank Avenue, Wolverhampton
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Monthly Rental Of £610

Enterprise Drive, Sutton Coldfield
- GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- ALLOCATED PARKING

Monthly Rental Of £595

Chetwynd Road, Wolverhampton
- SEMI DETACHED
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM

Monthly Rental Of £595

Milton Road, Wolverhampton
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Study / Playroom
- Three Bedrooms

Monthly Rental Of £575

Meadow Lane, Bilston
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £575

Ploughmans Walk, Wolverhampton
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Guest Cloakroom

Monthly Rental Of £550

Knights Avenue, Wolverhampton
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £650

Belton Avenue, Wolverhampton
- Three Bedrooms
- Study Room
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W/C & Shower Room

Monthly Rental Of £600

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Uplands Road, Willenhall
- Entrance Hall
- Large Lounge / Diner
- Large Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms

Monthly Rental Of £595

Duke Street, Wolverhampton
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £575

Wood End Road, Wolverhampton
- THREE BEDROOM
- SEMI DETACHED
- POPULAR LOCATION
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM

Monthly Rental Of £550

Old Stafford Road, Wolverhampton
- Entrance Hall
- Open Plan Living Area
- Shower Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Gated Off Road Parking
- DHSS Considered

Monthly Rental Of £495

Chiltern Drive, Willenhall
- Two Bedrooms
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Study Room
- Rear Garden
- No Pets
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £475

Old Stafford Road, Wolverhampton
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Gated Off Road Parking

Monthly Rental Of £450

Wolverhampton
- END TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENTRANCE HALL WAY
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- FAMILY BATHROOM

Monthly Rental Of £495

Inkerman Grove, Wolverhampton
- Porch
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen / Breakfast Area
- Three Bedrooms

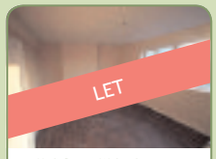
Monthly Rental Of £485

Birmingham New Road, Bilston
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- All Kitchen Appliances
- Secure Entrance
- Allocated Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £475

Victoria Street, Willenhall
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Good Sized Rooms
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £425



High Street, Wolverhampton
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Duplex
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £425

Prole Street, Wolverhampton
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £395

Penn Road, Wolverhampton
- One Bedroom
- One Reception Room
- Reception Hallway
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £395

Neachells Lane, Wolverhampton
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge / Kitchen
- Bedroom
- NEWLY FITTED BATHROOM
- DHSS Accepted
-

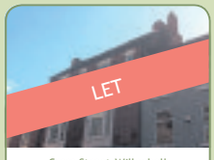
Monthly Rental Of £350

Warsash Close, Wolverhampton
- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £350

Lansdowne Road, Wolverhampton
- One Bedroomed Property
- First Floor
- Lounge / Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £325



Cross Street, Willenhall
- Located in the Town Centre
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating

Monthly Rental Of £325

Circuit Close, Willenhall
- One Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Good-Sized Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £325

Weyhill Close, Wolverhampton
- ONE BED STUDIO FLAT
- First Floor
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Dressing Room
- Communal Garden

Monthly Rental Of £295

Elgin Court, Wolverhampton
- Well Presented Studio Flat
- Close to Local Ameneties
- Secure Entrance
- Large Lounge/Bedroom
- DHSS ACCEPTED
- Available Mid July

Monthly Rental Of £275

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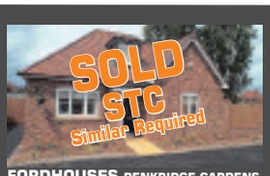

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SHARESHILL SCHOOL LANE
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- EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN & UTILITY ROOM
- MODERN BATHROOM
- DRIVEWAY PARKING & GARAGE

£195,000

BUSHBURY STANLEY ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE WITH BAY WINDOW
- FITTED KITCHEN
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE

Offers Over £110,000

WEDNESFIELD ELLARDS DRIVE
- REDUCED BY OVER £12,000
- Stunning three bedroom detached family home
- Impressive UPVC d/glazed conservatory
- Detached garage & off road parking

REDUCED £164,995

OXLEY MANOR ROAD
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
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£159,950

WEDNESFIELD SPRINGHILL ROAD
- Beautifully presented traditional style family home
- Excellent corner plot
- Three good size bedrooms
- Lounge & separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen & utility
- Refitted first floor shower room & guest WC
- Pleasant gardens to front rear & side
- Ample off road

OFFERS AROUND £149,995

WEDNESFIELD COLMAN AVENUE
- Beautifully presented bay fronted semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Well presented garden & off road parking

NEW PRICE £142,000

FALLINGS PARK PRIMROSE LANE
- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE WITH FEATURE FIREPLACE
- OPEN PLAN DINING KITCHEN
- DRIVEWAY PARKING & GARAGE

£139,995

BRADMORE TRYSULL ROAD
- SOLD IN YOUR AREA?
- SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED.
- CALL US ON 01902 788188.

£129,950

WEDNESFIELD CANNOCK ROAD
- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge & open plan kitchen diner
- Generous rear garden

OFFERS AROUND £119,995

NORTHWOOD PARK CARISBROOKE
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN & UTILITY ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS TOILET

Offers Over £120,000

OXLEY PROBERT ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE / DINING ROOM
- MODERN FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING

£119,950

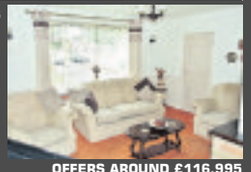
OXLEY RENTON ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LARGE LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS

£117,500

WEDNESFIELD SNAPE ROAD
- Extended 2 bedroom semi detached property
- Refitted breakfast kitchen & first floor bathroom
- 20ft through lounge/diner & second sitting room
- Ideal first time buy!!

OFFERS AROUND £114,995

WOLVERHAMPTON CAVENDISH GARDENS
- Well presented mid terrace property
- Three excellent size bedrooms
- 'L' shaped lounge/diner
- Double glazed windows & gas central heating
- First floor bathroom & ground floor guest wc
- Pleasant rear garden with sun canopy
- Ample off road parking
- Great family home!!!



OFFERS AROUND £116,995

BUSHBURY MORETON ROAD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DRIVEWAY PARKING

£110,000

OXLEY THREE TUNS LANE
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- LARGE LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING

£105,000

WOLVERHAMPTON HELMING DRIVE
- Ideal first time or investment purchase!!
- Two bedrooms semi detached property
- Ample off road parking & detached garage
- Potential to extend and /or improve (STPP)

OFFERS AROUND £102,995

FALLINGS PARK CANNOCK ROAD
- AUCTION PROPERTY
- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Lounge & Dining room
- Fitted kitchen & Larder

Starting price £90,000

PENDEFORD MARHOLM CLOSE
- ONE BEDROOM HOUSE
- LOUNGE WITH FEATURE FIREPLACE
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH STORAGE
- DRIVEWAY PARKING

£85,000

WEDNESFIELD ARNHEM CLOSE
- FOR SALE BY MODERN AUCTION!
- Beautifully presented semi detached family home
- Generous corner plot
- Three excellent size bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Ample off road parking

STARTING BID £79,995

WEDNESFIELD HENFIELD CLOSE
- Attractive ground floor two bedroom maisonette
- Double glazing & electric heating
- Price for 50% share available on request
- Viewing highly recommended!!

REDUCED £69,995

WEDNESFIELD PEACOCK AVENUE
- Purpose built first floor flat on popular Ashmore Park Development
- Two good size bedrooms
- Generous lounge/diner

- Refitted kitchen
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Bathroom & separate WC
- Ideal first time purchase!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £79,500

CITY CENTRE BIRCH COURT
- TWO BEDROOM FLAT
- LOUNGE WITH BALCONY
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- DOUBLE GLAZING & ELECTRIC HEATING

£59,950

COVEN HEATH HEATH PARK
- ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME RURAL LOCATION
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING

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EPC: D

SEDGLEY GORGE ROAD

- Impressive Detached Residence
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Stylish Fitted Kitchen
- Four Bathrooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Viewing Highly Recommended

£275,000

EPC: TBC

SEDGLEY GATE STREET

- Four Bed Detached Family Residence
- Spacious Living Room
- Dining Kitchen plus Utility
- Bathroom plus Ensuite Shower Room
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking plus Garage
- Extensive Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Refurbishment Works Required

£250,000

EPC: D — NEW PRICE

LANESFIELD LABURNUM ROAD

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Living Room● Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom● Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden● NO UPWARD CHAIN

£137,000

EPC: D — NEW PRICE

ETTINGSHALL PARK FIELDHOUSE ROAD

- Semi-Detached Residence● Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen● Lobby with Useful Stores
- First Floor Wet Room● Off Road Parking plus Garage

£119,950

EPC: D — NEW PRICE

LANESFIELD MOUNT ROAD

- Semi-Detached Property● Two Bedrooms
- Living Room plus Dining Area● Double Glazed Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen● Useful Lean To for Storage

£120,000

EPC D

COSELEY UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD

- Conveniently Positioned Semi-Detached
- Living Room & Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms● First Floor Bathroom and WC
- Second Floor Shower Room● Ample Off Road

£129,950

EPC: C

COSELEY KENELM ROAD

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Spacious Living Room● Fitted Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom● Private Rear Garden
- Popular and Convenient Location

£119,000

EPC: E

COSELEY CLIFTON STREET

- Mid-Terraced Family Home● Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Living Room● Fitted Dining Kitchen
- First Floor Bathroom● Private Rear Garden
- Convenient Location● Viewing is Highly

£114,950

EPC: D — NEW

WOODSETTON REYNARDS CLOSE

- Delightful Bungalow in Pleasant Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room plus Conservatory
- Kitchen plus Utility Area
- Wet Room
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking plus Garage
- Private Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

£219.950

EPC: TBC — NEW

SEDGLEY NORTHWAY

- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Living Room plus Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Private Rear Garden
- Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

£165,000

EPC: D — NEW PRICE

COSELEY EACHUS ROAD

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Spacious Family Home
- Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room plus Side Area
- Dining Room
- Stylish Shower Room
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

£120,000

EPC: TBC — NEW

WOODCROSS WOODCROSS STREET

- Mid-Terraced Family House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge plus Sitting Room
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Well Presented Home
- Interior Viewing is Highly Recommended

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EPC: TBC — NEW

WOODSETTON FLAVELL STREET

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Off Road Parking Plus Garage
- No Upward Chain

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EPC: TBC — NEW

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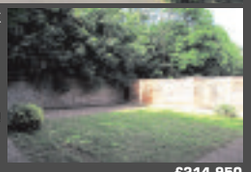

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. Stylishly presented town house!
. Lounge diner plus Conservatory!
. Two bedrooms plus refitted bathroom
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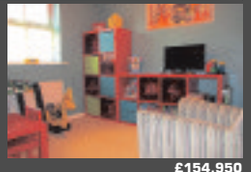

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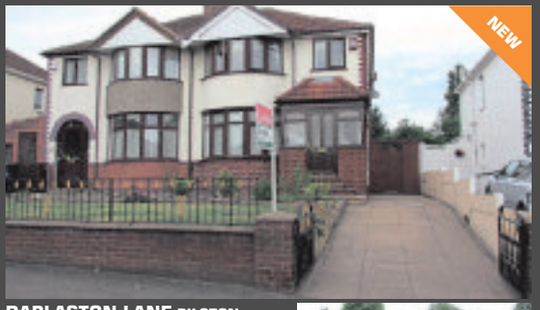
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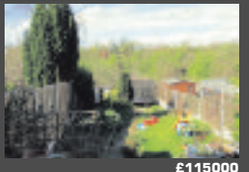

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An extensively extended detached bungalow of particularly generous proportions, offering an excellent standard of exceptionally versatile living space; inviting 15'7" hall, W.C, impressive 19ft5in x 15ft9in lounge, 2 further living rooms, comprehensive kitchen, utility room, 3 good bedrooms (two with en suite facilities), well appointed bathroom, maj DG, GFCH, substantial gravel drive, delightfully mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/57)

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LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A superbly well proportioned & very nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent extended family living space; side porch, hallway, W.C., impressive 20ft1in lounge, 15ft2in dining room, adjoining sitting area, 17ft conservatory, open plan 17ft5in fitted kitchen, large utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, long driveway, mature gardens.(D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £339,950

QUAIL GREEN, WIGHTWICK

A superior executive family home offering most spacious & versatile living space, residing within a highly desirable area & cul-de-sac: inviting hall, cloaks/W.C, impressive 25ft1in x 24ft5in L shaped living room with dining area, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms, en suite to master, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double drive & garage, mature gardens. (F/38))

OFFERS AROUND £320,000

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A most charming & particularly imposing semi property having been extensively extended to create excellent family living space: inviting hall, guest W.C, 3 living rooms, comprehensive well equipped breakfast kitchen, impressive UPVCDG conservatory, 19ft10in utility room, 4 double bedrooms, house bathroom, additional shower room, W.C, UPVCDG, GFCH, carport & drive, long rear garden. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

PENN ROAD, PENN

An outstanding & most attractive period semi detached property offering exceptionally spacious family living space interestingly structured over 3 floors & having been maintained to a high standard; inviting hallway, 3 living rooms, open plan fitted kitchen, rear porch, W.C, 5 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, luxury shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, imprinted drive, mature garden.(E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £289,500

BROADWAY, FINCHFIELD

A superior corner positioned (0.25 acre) detached property offering extremely generous family living space & occupying a most desirable private position; hall, 3 living rooms, fitted kitchen, laundry room, W.C, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, DG, double garage, brick double drive, delightful surrounding gardens & interesting wooded coppice. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £285,000

SHAW LANE, TETTENHALL WOOD

NEW BUILD An attractive 2 storey semi detached property of generous proportions offering an outstanding standard of stylish living accommodation; inviting hall, W.C, impressive lounge, comprehensive well equipped open plan kitchen diner, four good bedrooms, 2 well appointed en suites, house bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, established garden, rear access & parking space.(TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £245,000

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

An excellent traditional detached property offering of superbly spacious & highly versatile living family living space: inviting hall, 27ft living room, superb UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive 14ft kitchen, rear hall, utility, W.C., 3 bedrooms, bathroom, W.C., GFCH, UPVCDG, garage, delightful 120ft garden, large loft ideal for conversion (STPP&R).(E/54) NO CHAIN

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

CHERRINGTON GARDENS, COMPTON

A substantially extended link detached property of generous proportions, residing within this sought after neighbourhood, advantageously situated for good local amenities; hall, guest W.C, full width lounge, separate dining room, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, DG, GFCH, carport, garage, utility & storage rooms, lengthy drive, mature gardens.(E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £229,950

FORTON CLOSE, COMPTON

An interesting link detached property having been improved upon to create stylish & most spacious living accommodation, occupying a prominent position with this desirable neighbourhood & cul-de-sac: hall, guest W.C, impressive 22ft living room, feature balcony, well equipped kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, long drive, double carport, utility/storage room, mature gardens, (E/51)

OFFERS AROUND £227,500

HIGH MEADOWS, COMPTON

A most interesting & individual detached property offering spacious & highly versatile accommodation, residing within a pleasant cul-de-sac; inviting hall, shower room, W.C, utility, useful study/bed 4, impressive living room with excellent elevated views, comprehensive 16ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, GFCH, DG, mature rear garden onto woodland. (E/54)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

TYRLEY CLOSE, COMPTON

A delightful link-detached property having been substantially extended & improved upon to provide an excellent standard of family living space: hall, impressive lounge, dining room, comprehensive 19ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, imprinted drive, garage, mature rear garden with open views, pleasant cul-de-sac position. (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

BUTTONS FARM ROAD, PENN

A substantial & attractive traditional detached property having been well maintained & decorated to a high standard to create an excellent family home, occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac postion: hallway, 2 pleasing living rooms, UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, block drive, mature gardens.(E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

ADAMS ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive detached property offering substantially extended family living space, residing within this sought after location & road with scope to further improve: porch, inviting hall, impressive 22ft5in lounge, dining room, 13ft2in breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, maj DG, driveway, garage, delightfully mature garden, NO CHAIN (E/53)

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

HARRIOTTS HAYES LA, CODSALL WD

A traditional semi detached property occupying a most pleasant leafy country lane setting, surprisingly convenient for village amenities, including railway stations at both Albrighton & Codsall; hall, 2 living rooms, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, ESH, UPVCDG, mature gardens, driveway, nice outlook. NO CHAIN (F/34)

OFFERS AROUND £194,950

BRANDON PARK, MERRY HILL

A particularly well presented modern styled detached property having been extensively improved upon over the years, occupying a pleasant position at the head of a cul-de-sac; hall, pleasant lounge, separate dining room, 16ft6ib breakfast kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

RUPERT STREET, OFF LARCHES LANE

An elegant Victorian terraced property of substantial proportions & character, having just under gone extensive refurbishment, creating an outstanding standard of delightfully stylish living space: inviting hall, cellar, 2 impressive living rooms, 13ft9in well equipped kitchen, utility, W.C, 2 double bedrooms, splendid deluxe 14ft5in bathroom, GFCH, DG, mature garden, rear access. NO CHAIN (D/61)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

ALLEN ROAD, WHITMORE REANS

A most attractive & imposing Victorian residence, offering excellent family living space of generous proportions & retaining a wealth of character features, well served by good amenities & the city: inviting 29ft8in hall, cellar, 3 charming living rooms, well equipped kitchen, 4 generous bedrooms, in keeping bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, outside utility room, store & W.C, delightful rear garden.(F/30)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

CHURCH WALK, BRADMORE

An attractive & extended traditional semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a pleasant & most convenient no through road position: inviting 12ft hall, 2 living rooms, 17ft breakfast kitchen, 12ft2in utility room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, delightfully mature & long garden, gravel drive.(D/57)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

YORK ROAD, CASTLECROFT

An attractive semi detached property having been recently improved upon to create a good standard of well proportioned living space, well set in a pleasant cul-de-sac position, convenient for amenities & schooling; hall, 2 pleasant living rooms, restyled kitchen, 3 bedrooms, restyled bathroom, GFCH, maj UPVCDG, driveway garage, long mature garden. NO CHAIN (F/37)

OFFERS AROUND £169,500

CASTLECROFT HOUSE, CASTLECROFT RD

A delightful first floor life style apartment forming part of this prestigious development offering an excellent standard of well appointed living space; inviting hall, attractive living room, stylish well equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, allocated parking, pleasant communal grounds encompassed by sporting & cricket fields. (B/82)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

TRYSULL ROAD, BRADMORE

A most impressive extended semi detached house with attic conversion, offering nicely presented family living space; hall, front sitting room, main extended rear living room, extended breakfast kitchen, utility area with shower room off, 3 bedrooms, attic room, bathroom suite, DG, GFCH, large utility garage & workshop, long enclosed rear garden, block paved drive.(E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £162,500

BRIDGNORTH ROAD, COMPTON

A traditional semi detached property, offering well maintained & versatile living space, conveniently situated for village amenities & enjoying open aspect views over adjoining meadow land to rear; hall, 2 living rooms, comprehensive kitchen, 3 bedrooms, well appointed shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, paved frontage, storage room (originally garage), delightfully mature & private garden.(E/50)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

MANCROFT ROAD, TETTENHALL

An attractive Victorian mid terraced property offering spacious well planned living space which has been tastefully appointed & nicely decorated throughout, pleasantly situated within easy reach of amenities & Tettenhall village: impressive 30ft2in living room, restyled kitchen, G/floor bathroom, 2 double rooms, spacious attic room, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, enclosed rear garden.(D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

ANSON CLOSE, PERTON

A modern detached bungalow offering generously proportioned & very well presented living space, pleasantly situated at the end of of a small cul de sac & handily placed for the general amenities; L shaped hall, front living room, restyled fitted kitchen, garden room, restyled white shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, lengthy drive, established rear garden, new carpets. NO CHAIN (D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

BROADWAY, FINCHFIELD

A deceptively spacious modern end town house property offering comfortable and versatile living space, situated within this sought after residential area: open porch, hall, 19ft1in living room, lean to veranda, comprehensively fitted kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, delightfully mature garden, garage & driveway. NO CHAIN (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £157,950

MERRIDALE ROAD, MERRIDALE

An imposing & spacious traditional detached property, conveniently located for the city & Bantock Park, offering good versatile family living space : inviting hall, full width lounge, adjoining dining room, comprehensive kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, spacious restyled bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, mature gardens, old garage, driveway. NO CHAIN (E/41)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

LIME TREE AVENUE, TETTENHALL WD

A truly outstanding 2nd floor apartment of most generous proportions, having been extensively refurbished to create an outstanding standard of delightfully stylish living space: secured entrance, inviting hall, impressive 18ft5in x 17ft2in living room, well equipped kitchen, inner hall, 2 double bedrooms, walk in dressing area to master, deluxe shower room, UPVCDG, ESH, garage, lovely grounds.(F/30)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

PEVERILL ROAD, PERTON

An extended semi detached property having been substantially improved upon, provides a good standard of well proportioned living accommodation; hall, impressive extended living room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, garage, desirable corner plot, neatly laid out gardens on 3 elevations. (D/61)

OFFERS AROUND £145,000

TRYSULL ROAD, BRADMORE

An impressive semi detached house providing a good standard of generously proportioned living space, situated in a sought after location & within easy reach of surrounding general amenities, Bantock Park and Wolverhampton city centre; hall, lounge, restyled dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom suite with shower, UPVCDG, GFCH, long enclosed rear garden, off road parking. (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £139,500

STRATHFIELD WALK, MERRY HILL

A deceptive modern end town house property providing an excellent standard of surprisingly spacious family living, most convenient located for good local amenities; Open porch, entrance hall, office/study, impressive lounge, open plan kitchen diner, utility area, 3 good sized bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, front and rear gardens, general parking at rear. (C71)

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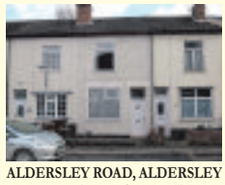

ALDERSLEY ROAD, ALDERSLEY

An attractive & most deceptive Victorian terrace property offering characterful living space with stylish modern fittings, convenient for local amenities & the city; living rooms comprehensive well equipped kitchen diner, lobby, downstairs bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, part UPVDG, GFCH, mature garden with open aspect.(C/86)

OFFERS AROUND £104,950

CARLTON ROAD, PENNFIELDS

A most impressive modern mews house offering well planned living space, pleasantly situated at the very end of a cul de sac, handily placed for local amenities including shops, schools and public transport services; entrance hall, living room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, luxury white bathroom suite with a shower, DG, GFCH, front driveway, side area with a garden shed. NO CHAIN (C/71)

OFFERS AROUND £104,950

BALFOUR CRESCENT, NEWBRIDGE

A substantial duplex apartment, interestingly structured over 2 floors, offering a good standard of surprisingly spacious & comfortable living accommodation: hall, 15ft9in x 12ft11in living room, 12ft11in dining kitchen, first floor landing, 2 good bedrooms, luxury shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, convenient location. NEW 125 YEAR LEASE (D/68)

OFFERS AROUND £94,950

CHEQUER STREET, PENNFIELDS

LANDLORD POTENTIAL A surprisingly spacious upper floor apartment forming part of this popular development, set in attractive grounds & only a short walk from local shops and a regular bus route; communal hall, entrance hall, pleasant living room, fitted kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, fitting included, communal gardens & parking NO CHAIN (D/57)

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OFFERS AROUND £430,000

CODSALL

• Stylish link Detached residence in elevated cul-de-sac setting with pleasant outlook and convenient access to excellent selection of local amenities • Particularly fine example of its type with superbly presented accommodation featuring much improved specification and high standard of appointment • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Lounge with marble fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Elegant Conservatory • Impressively equipped Kitchen with coordinating Utility adjoining • Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and en-suite Shower Room • Three further Bedrooms • Contemporary-style Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage and driveway parking • Attractively landscaped garden • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £259,950

WOMBOURNE

STATION ROAD • Conveniently positioned traditional style 3 Bed Detached Bungalow occupying an established position of popularity within walking distance of the village centre facilities with public transport on hand close by • Set in pretty lawned gardens to the side and rear • Generous sized accommodation • Entrance Porch • 20ft long Hall • Spacious Lounge • Sitting Room • Kitchen • Lean-To Verandah/Porch • 3 Bedrooms • Refitted Shower Room with white suite • Gas CH to radiators • Garage (16'6" x 9'6") and driveway parking • A delightful property with scope for improvement (EPC: F)

OFFERS AROUND £249,950

WOMBOURNE

BRIDGNORTH ROAD • Considerably enlarged 3 Bed Traditional style Semi in established position of popularity on southern village outskirts handy for nearby facilities including Sainsbury's supermarket and opposite farmland • Interior viewing essential to appreciate enlarged ground floor layout • Entrance Porch & Hall • Lounge • Stunning open plan Living Kitchen including sitting area, dining area and kitchen having stylish range of 'oak' fronted units with granite work surfaces • Utility • Ground floor Shower Room • 3 Bedrooms • Bathroom with stylish white suite and shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage Store (13'10" x 9'7" mean) • Off-Road Parking to front • Lovely private rear garden with patio area (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £199,950

CASTLECROFT

• Particularly fine example of its type! Modern-style semi with much improved specification situated in highly popular neighbourhood on the western outskirts of the city • Beautifully presented accommodation featuring stylish decorative finishes and superb standard of appointment • 21ft Lounge • Separate Dining Room • Elegant cream Kitchen including integrated appliances plus coordinating Utility adjoining • Three well proportioned Bedrooms • Lovely contemporary-style Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Forecourt parking facilities and small Garage/Store • Neatly landscaped garden extending about 100ft to rear • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

WOMBOURNE

CLEE VIEW ROAD • Usefully enlarged 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House, nicely positioned within a popular estate setting off Brickbridge Lane, handy for the village facilities and not far from the new Sainsbury's store • Entrance Hall • Extended Living Room (20 x 15') • Kitchen • 17' Leisure Room/occasional Bedroom 4 (converted from garage) • 3 Bedrooms, one with wardrobe • Bathroom with white suite and shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Parking forecourt and enclosed Rear Garden (EPC: tbc) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

WOMBOURNE

MILLERS VALE • Modern style 3 Bed Semi-Detached House situated at the end of a popular cul-de-sac setting on the fringe of Poolhouse Farm development, convenient for the new Sainsbury's store and handily placed for the other village facilities • Entrance Hall • Lounge with living flame gas fire • Dining Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms, one with wardrobes • Bathroom with modern style suite and shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage and driveway parking • Prominent 'corner' plot with additional potential parking opposite (EPC: D) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

CODSALL

• Modern-style link-detached residence attractively positioned in small cul-de-sac with pleasant outlook onto landscaped green and easy access to village amenities • Comfortably proportioned accommodation, very well appointed, scope for some upgrading primarily of cosmetic nature • Porch and Hall • Spacious Living Room • Neatly fitted Kitchen including integrated oven/hob/hood • Three Bedrooms • Smart white contemporary-style Bathroom including shower • Majority gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • 26ft Garage plus driveway parking • Maturely landscaped gardens • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

WOMBOURNE

HOLLOWAY DRIVE • Stylishly presented modern style 2 Bed Semi in pleasant residential setting just off Brickbridge Lane, handy for the excellent village facilities and not far from public transport and new Sainsbury's store • Upgraded interior • Entrance Porch • Cosy Lounge with attractive feature fireplace and electric fire • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances • 2 Bedrooms, both with built-in wardrobes • Bathroom with white suite including 'P' shaped bath and shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Off-Road Parking and potential garage space • Pleasant rear garden with patio area and lawn (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

WOMBOURNE

THE LONGLANDS • Spacious 3 Bed Mid-Terraced House in need of cosmetic updating but providing excellent scope to create a comfortable home in pleasant residential position • Situated just off Common Road and therefore handy for excellent village centre facilities, public transport and schools • Porch and Entrance Hall • 17' Through Lounge • Dining Kitchen • 3 good Bedrooms • Bathroom with wild sage suite and shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Off-Road Parking to front • Delightful rear garden with backdrop of mature trees (EPC: tbc) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

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£485,000

EDNAM ROAD GOLDTHORN PARK

A very spacious and beautifully appointed Detached Double Fronted Bungalow of exceptional attraction, commanding a wide and most impressive frontage do this highly popular road. Enclosed porch, dining hall, most attractive lounge, large uPVC double glazed conservatory, stunning dining kitchen, utility, cloakroom with w.c., three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom with separate shower, uPVC DG, gas central heating, garage. A particular feature is the large delightfully landscaped gardens extending to c.1/3 acre, considerable potential for extensions/possibly converting into a large two story house (subject to PP) Viewing recommended. Energy rating D

Offers £349,000

BIRCHCROFT COVEN

An attractive Detached Double Fronted Bungalow of considerable appeal, holding a pleasant setting in this highly popular residential area only a short distance from Coven village centre. Porch, hall, lounge/dining area, well fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 double glazed conservatories, two bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, GCH, large garage, laid out gardens to the front, side and rear, considerable extension possibilities (subject to pp). PART EXCHANGE MAY BE CONSIDERED. Energy rating: B.

Offers, guide £240,000

JEFFCOCK ROAD PENN FIELDS

An extended Detached Family Residence of much character and appeal in need of some modernisation but offering exceptional scope for improvement, enjoying a highly convenient setting in this popular neighbourhood. Excellent local amenities are close at hand and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are approximately 2.5 miles travelling distance. Standing in a beautiful garden setting, the property is ideal for the growing family or family with a dependant relative. Tile Hung Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Sun Loggia, Kitchen, Enclosed Rear Lobby, Garden Store and Toilet, Four/Five Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH, Large Attractively Laid Out Rear Garden. Energy rating: F

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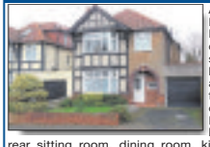
HOLDEN ROAD PENN

A pleasing Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this very popular area just off Buttons Farm Road; excellent local shops, schools and bus services are readily available and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are within easy travelling distance.. Reception hall, through lounge/dining area, kitchen, freezer room/workshop, toilet, store room/potential utility room. three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, drive affording ample parking space, garage, private rear garden, further lawned garden at the side, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: D

Offers, guide £195,000

WELLS ROAD PENN



A pleasing Linked Detached Family Residence of character pleasantly situated in this highly popular road and well placed for a wide range of local facilities. Porch, reception hall, front lounge, rear sitting room, dining room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, gas central heating, garage, attractively landscaped rear garden. No upward chain. Energy rating: F

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EAGLE STREET PENN FIELDS

A very spacious and most impressive Victorian End Terraced Family Residence of exceptional appeal holding prominent corner setting in this highly popular area. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, cellar, breakfast kitchen, deluxe bathroom, four bedrooms, shower room, utility/store room with w.c. off, CH, uPVC DG, large double width garage, enclosed walled courtyard garden. Ideal home for the growing family or family with dependent relative. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating: D

Offers from £190,000

OXLEY MOOR ROAD OXLEY

An extended and well presented Detached Family Residence of traditional character and appeal enjoying a pleasant setting with front views over looking wooded area and Oxley Park Golf Course beyond. Reception hall, cloaks, dining room, lounge, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, deluxe shower room, CH, uPVC DG, workshop and utility, private and attractively laid out gardens. Energy rating: E

Offers £165,000

REGIS ROAD TETTENHALL

A very attractive Victorian middle Terraced House of character enjoying a pleasant setting only a short distance from Tettenhall's picturesque village centre. Lounge, Beautifully fitted 17ft Dining Kitchen, Large Deluxe Bathroom, Two first floor Bedrooms, staircase leads to excellent loft room conversion, Private rear garden of generous size. No upward chain. Energy Rating: D.

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Offers, guide £160,000

MERRIDALE RD WOLVERHAMPTON

An extended and surprisingly spacious Semi Detached Family Residence of much attraction conveniently situated for the city centre and a wide range of local facilities. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, uPVC double glazed conservatory, extended breakfast kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage at the rear, generous sized gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers, guide £149,500

MASSBROOK GROVE FALLINGS PK

A spacious Semi Detached House in need of some modernisation but offering considerable scope for improvement enjoying a pleasant setting in this popular road. Standing on very wide frontage, the property affords considerable scope for extension (subject to PP). Canopy porch, hall, through lounge/dining area, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby with w.c. off, three bedrooms, bathroom, CH, garage space. Energy rating: E

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CASTLECROFT ROAD CASTLECROFT

A beautifully presented and well appointed Ground Floor Apartment of considerable attraction pleasantly situated in this highly popular residential neighbourhood well served by a wide range of local amenities. Reception hall, attractive lounge/dining area, well fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, deluxe shower room, CH, uPVC double glazing, car parking space, landscaped communal gardens. Energy rating: D

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No chain on sale of semi in cul-de-sac

THIS semi-detached property in Lane Green Avenue, Codsall, South Staffordshire is packed with potential. It is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at £169,950 with no onward chain.

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, the property comprises hallway, spacious lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room with a door leading to the garage and a shower room.

Enclosed

The first floor has four good-sized bedrooms and a family bathroom with a corner bath.

To the rear of the property is an enclosed rear garden with a patio and lawn area.

The front of the property boasts driveway parking and a driveway with room for a number of cars.

For further information on this property visit www.skitts.net or contact 01902 788188.

Old rectory is full of charm

THIS outstanding contemporary residence on Rectory Road, Albrighton provides a stunning family home.

The former rectory is packed with charm and calibre and is on the market with Berriman Eaton for £835,000.

The ground floor comprises grand reception area with wooden floors; sitting room; lounge with a feature fireplace and french doors leading to the garden; dining area; en suite guest bedroom; laundry room and kitchen.

Up the grand staircase, the first floor comprises four bedrooms, including a tremendous en suite master which also benefits from a dressing room and balcony, as well as a family bathroom and shower room.

To the rear of the property is an incredible garden with a lawn and paved area for outdoor seating.

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Stylish family detached on market at £349,950

A STYLISH family detached in St Benedicts Road, Wombourne is for sale through Bartlams at £349,950, with no upward chain.

The ground floor comprises entrance porch and hall, cloakroom, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, breakfast kitchen and a utility area. It has four good-sized sized bedrooms, including an en suite master and a family bathroom.

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Spacious home is close to amenities

THIS three-bedroomed property in Dimmock Street, Parkfield, Wolverhampton is deceptively spacious.

It is for sale through Home Point Estate Agents for £125,000.

Close to schools, shops, main roads and with good commuting links to the city centre it is ideal for families.

The ground floor comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, family bathroom and breakfast kitchen with access to the garden.

Upstairs are three good-sized bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes.

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Offers Based On £565,000

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Located in a pleasant and secluded position off Mount Road - this is a spacious three bedroom bungalow with detached double garage and four car driveway. The versatile living accommodation comprises reception hall, guest cloakroom, 21' through living/dining room, re-fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, spacious bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Available with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Asking price £295,000

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Impressive four bedroom detached home with many fine features including a large 34' through living room, 20' fitted dining kitchen, ground floor shower room, three double bedrooms, single bedroom/study and family bathroom. There is a driveway and double garage to the rear and the property is fitted with gas central heating and double-glazing. Well positioned for schools, local shops and nearby playing fields. EPC=C

Asking Price £215,000

BRADMORE

NEW

Occupying a large plot towards the head of a popular cul-de-sac this is a spacious bungalow with versatile accommodation and wonderful gardens to the side and rear. Large reception hall, living room, sitting room, breakfast room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom and garden room. Detached garage, generous provision for parking. Whilst requiring general modernisation inspection is essential to appreciate the vast potential.

Offers Based On £175,000

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NO CHAIN - Beautiful semi detached residence situated in a consistently popular locality with excellent amenities only a short walk away. Extremely well presented throughout the accommodation comprises two living rooms, superb 15ft dining kitchen, three bedrooms, attic room, bathroom and a private rear garden. The property is fitted with central heating and double glazing. EPC=D

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NEW PRICE

Stunning double fronted semi-detached home boasting a fine blend of contemporary and period features. Through living room with Inglenook fireplace, impressive dining kitchen with utility off, luxury bathroom, three good size bedrooms and large garden to the rear. EPC=E

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NO CHAIN - Beautifully presented and newly refurbished semi-detached home with two living rooms, refurbished breakfast kitchen, utility, three good size bedrooms and re-fitted family bathroom. Excellent location near to Windsor playing fields. Internal inspection essential. EPC=D

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Asking Price £130,000

BRADMORE

NEW

Attractive terrace property situated in an extremely popular location with lovely gardens to the rear. Accommodation comprises to the ground floor two living rooms, kitchen and wet room. The first floor was originally two large bedrooms and now comprises one double and two single rooms. EPC=D

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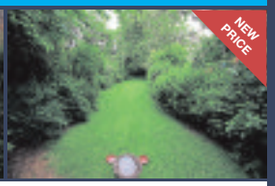
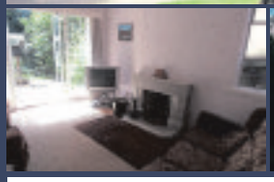


Claregate £230,000

A three bedroom detached home situated on the extremely sought after Tyninghame Avenue. The property would benefit from a scheme of updating however would make an exceptional family home you can put your own stamp on. Offered with no upward chain. EPC Grade = D

The Parklands



Finchfield £350,000

DETACHED HOUSE - STUNNING LOCATION. They do say Location Location Location and nothing is further from the truth with this detached house in such a sought after road. The ground floor features a large reception hallway, lounge and separate dining room, a kitchen, utility room and a WC. The first floor has a master bedroom, 3 further bedrooms and a family bathroom. All this is amazing but it is when you step outside to the back garden that you will be stunned. The gardens are exquisite! Do not take my word for it, just view it and see!

Aldersley Road

Claregate O/O £200,000

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Blackbrook Way

Fordhouses £210,000

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Tettenhall £185,000

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Willenhall Road

Wolverhampton O/O £150,000

A ultra modern and chic three bedroom townhouse situated ideally for Jct. 10 M6 and Wolverhampton City Centre. This would make a cracking family home or first time pad. Just look at the photos?!
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Dunstall Avenue

Dunstall O/O £125,000

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Florence Avenue

Lanesfield £115,000

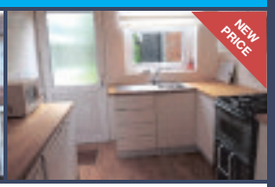
An immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached family home benefits from a stunning kitchen/diner. Situated ideally for access to Wolverhampton City Centre and the motorway network.EPC Grade = D

Florence Avenue

Lanesfield O/O £115,000

This property offers three good sized bedrooms, lounge to front,stunning dining kitchen and is available to purchase with no upward chain. EPC Grade C

Victoria Road



Fallings Park O/O £110,000

A delightful three bedroom semi-detached home situated on the East side of Wolverhampton with good access to New Cross Hospital, local transport links and amenities. This home is being offered with no upward chain.
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Bushbury £130,000

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Pennfields O/O £75,000

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Deansfield £85,000

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508 HDi sheer joy to drive

By Graham Breeze

When I was a company car driver choosing which model best suited my 40,000 miles a year was always a problem. If only the Peugeot 508 had been on the scene then.

In a world where Ford's Mondeo and Volkswagen's Passat tend to have the advantage Peugeot bosses have clearly targeted fleet sales with the new 508 and a recent 600 miles round trip proved it's a model to figure prominently in any employee's choice.

Peugeot has bounced back in real style after a couple of sticky years in the sales charts and it's little wonder the 508 is helping the French company's profitability.

The 508 embodies the brand's target to move up-market and the GT Line Blue HDi 150 is a sheer joy to drive over long distances – as five hour treks to Scotland and back proved.

The test car benefited from an economical and very efficient Euro 6, two litre engine unit and the six-speed manual produces just 101g/km of CO2 emissions – that's as good as it gets in this segment. What that means is you won't pay any excise licence fees in the first year and just £20 thereafter, figures certain to send fleet managers racing to their newest Peugeot dealership.

With 0-62mph in 9.8 seconds and a top speed of 130mph this Peugeot matches most in sector and the French company claims 72.4mpg on the combined cycle, though it was nearer 65mpg on my round trip which is still impressive enough.

The 508 has a longer wheelbase than the 407 it has replaced, increasing in length to 4.8 metres and is easily recognised with the stylish new Peugeot grille and prominent lion emblem.

The GT Line gets new headlamps, daytime running lights, indicators and fog lamps which are all high technology 100% LED. There's the cornering lighting function that I am now lost without and even the rear lighting structure is a complete new design.

The 508 is completely different once you are in the cabin too with a 7" touchscreen, grouping together most of the vehicle's features in a particularly easy-to-find method.

And Peugeot win accolades from me with the arrival of an outstanding Head-Up display system showing driving and navigation information in colour on a retractable smoked screen – my personal favourite. Heating and ventilation controls are easy to operate are clearly marked and every other basic control is exactly where you would expect to find it.

It's as comfortable as it gets up front and I experienced very little fatigue at the end of a five hundred mile drive. Rear seat passengers get ample leg and headroom too and 550 litres of boot space meant plenty of room for cases, golf clubs and trolley.

Some might find the 508 a difficult car to park, it's a big unit and does take some time to get used to, but there's a good turning circle and plenty of help from a reversing camera and parking aids on the GT Line.

The 508 GT Line Blue HDi 150 is the perfect fleet option and is also a big family grand tourer, ticking a lot of the right boxes. At £26,795 expect this model to be a popular choice.

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Simply superb value for life

By James Parker

The results are in from the European jury – the all-new Superb is officially forecast to have the strongest residual values in the mid-size sector.

Having examined the UK and six other key European markets, CAP, DAT, EurotaxGlass, and IBS Automotive are forecasting that the new, third-generation Superb will be the most resistant to depreciation over the course of three years and 60,000 miles.

The new Superb was compared against the Ford Mondeo, Hyundai i40, Vauxhall Insignia, Citroen C5, Toyota Avensis, Peugeot 508 and Mazda 5. The version of the model varied depending on the market, but the winner was always the same: the new Superb.

In the UK, CAP Gold Book is forecasting that the highly specified new Superb SE L Executive 2.0 TDI 150PS will be worth nearly £1,200 more than the outgoing model after three years and 60,000 miles.

When compared against the competition the Superb is also expected to perform strongly.

Thanks to a retained value that is forecast to be eight per cent higher than the outgoing model, the new Superb is expected to be worth up to £2,650 more after three years and 60,000 miles than its direct rivals.

Jeff Knight, forecasting editor for CAP said: "With the new Superb ŠKODA has added even more space, higher equipment levels and cutting edge technology to a high-quality interior. Enhanced safety features and more efficient powertrains, finished off with a dynamic and stylish exterior, make it a compelling choice in the upper-medium sector."

"These figures show the confidence that the industry places in the new Superb – and that comes from recognition that the Superb is the best ŠKODA ever.

"The new Superb offers new levels of comfort, space, practicality and style. It also offers all the characteristics ŠKODA customers have come to expect: great value, and high levels of safety – as recognised by a top five-star rating from Euro NCAP.

"All these attributes combine to make a car that will attract new customers to the brand," said Patrick McGillycuddy, Head of Fleet for ŠKODA UK.

Assessed

Included in the evaluation were criteria such as fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, value for money, quality and reliability.

Design and brand aspects were also assessed.

Combining expressive design, advanced new technologies and outstanding spaciousness, the third-generation ŠKODA Superb will be available to order later this month, with first deliveries starting in September.

Based on the Volkswagen Group's innovative MQB technology, the Superb sets new standards for safety, connectivity, and efficiency.

The ŠKODA Superb has been the flagship model of ŠKODA's range since 2001. To date, the brand has delivered over 700,000 first and second-generation ŠKODA Superbs to customers all over the world.

'Officially forecast to have the strongest residual values.'

The latest Superb hatchback and Superb Estate are available to order now. With high levels of standard equipment, and low CO2 emissions (from just 95g/km when the GreenLine is launched) thanks to a highly efficient range of diesel and petrol engines, the latest model offers something for all customers.

For further details, including a P11D price list, please visit www.skoda.co.uk

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Bit of hot stuff from Kia

By James Parker

Two sporty Chilli models have been added to the Kia Picanto range, which now features EU6-compliant engines. The Chilli variants are part of the Picanto Originals series, a rolling programme of high-specification, value-priced models changed at frequent intervals to offer buyers something out of the ordinary.

Both of the new Chilli models are three-door cars powered by a 1.2-litre four-cylinder petrol engine developing 84bhp and 120Nm (89lb ft) of torque.

They offer buyers the option of a five-speed manual gearbox or a four-speed automatic which will be particularly attractive to those who do most of their driving in congested towns and cities.

In line with all Picanto Originals, the Chilli models offer a high specification for a mid-range price, sitting above the SR7 grade in the line-up.

The manual costs £11,495 on the road, while the automatic is £12,095, both are on sale from July 1, 2015. They sit above the SR7 models in the Picanto line-up.

As the name implies, the Chilli variants are particularly sporty and spicy in appearance while retaining a proven powertrain that brings inexpensive, no-nonsense running costs.

Stylish

The already sharp looks of the three-door Picanto have been enhanced by stylish new front and rear bumpers and a twin exhaust tailpipe.

There are also additional side sill mouldings painted to match the body colour. The Chilli models are finished in red, black or white paintwork.

Sporty-looking five-barrel 15-inch alloy wheels shod with 175/50 tyres are the final finishing touch.

This is complemented by the equally sporty interior. The seats are in black faux leather with striking red and grey cloth cushions and backrests to match the inserts on the doors.

There are aluminium pedals with non-slip rubber pads, while the centre fascia, steering wheel bezel and gearshifter top are finished in classy Gloss Black.

The Chilli versions are the first Picantos to be fitted with satellite navigation including European mapping, similar to the system found in Kia's Rio and Venga ranges. This is linked to a seven-inch touchscreen and includes a reversing camera.

'As the name implies, the Chilli variants are particularly sporty and spicy in appearance, while retaining a proven powertrain.'

A six-speaker audio system is also standard.

The Picanto now features EU6-compliant powertrains in eight models, with the remainder due to be converted a little later in the year. The 1.0-litre, three-cylinder Picanto 1, SR7 and 2 variants – three- and five-door – now meet the latest emissions standard, as do the two 1.2-litre, four-cylinder Chilli models. The 1.0-litre Kappa EU6 engine develops 65bhp and 95Nm (70lb ft) of torque and has fuel economy of 62.8mpg with CO2 emissions of 105g/km. It is available only as a five-speed manual. The 1.2, also from the Kappa family, develops 84bhp and 120Nm (89lb ft) and has economy and emissions figures of 61.4mpg and 106g/km with the five-speed manual gearbox, or 50.4mpg and 130g/km with the four-speed automatic.

As with every Kia, the Picanto range comes with a unique-in-the-UK seven-year or 100,000-mile warranty, subject to certain wear and tear conditions. It is fully transferable should the car be sold before the time or mileage limits have been reached.

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Viva forever in childhood memories?

By Andy Enright

Vauxhall has revived an old favourite nameplate with the Viva, a citycar that's now the brand's entry level vehicle.

The Vauxhall Viva is a city runabout that relies on substance to make sales. Is this a risky strategy? Not really. When it comes to the smallest cars, the most practical models make the biggest numbers and this 1.0-litre five-door hatch looks to have all the right objective figures sewn up.

You're probably going to have defining memories of your childhood. One of mine is the vinyl rear seats of my father's Viva and how they would become hotter than the surface of Venus during summer road trips around Spain. No air con, a rattly old 1.3-litre engine and suspension that owed more to horse and cart tech, that old Viva never let us down. So, if you'll forgive a certain personal indulgence here, it's great to see Vauxhall revive the badge for a new generation.

Clearly things have come on a long way since the last Viva rolled off the production line in 1979, after a sixteen-year run. Chevettes and Astras were then the way forward, but there's now space at the foot of Vauxhall's range for the Viva to be reborn as a five-door citycar.

The Viva has been built around Vauxhall's latest 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine. It makes 75PS worth of power, probably about adequate for a citycar. More engines may be announced in time, but the powerplant requirements for a small city scoot like this are usually quite simple. Models of this sort don't cover enough miles for a diesel engine to be worth fitting and lighter is better if you want the sort of jinky manoeuvrability delivered by the best urban runabouts.

This ECOTEC 1.0-litre engine drives the front wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox and the suspension and steering has been optimised for comfort on the sort of pock-marked streets that typify most British cities. Like its bigger brother, the Adam, the Viva gets a 'City' mode that lightens steering even further to help take the effort out of parking.

The styling is neat and assured, with none of the overtly cutesy flourishes that make certain small cars very gender specific. The Viva could well appeal to lads as well as lasses, with its purposeful front end, signature Z-slash that runs through the door handles in the side swage line, plus some neat alloy wheel designs.

Theme

The interior looks well built and maturity is again a dominating theme. There's a signal lack of over-design, with a simple but classy two-dial instrument cluster, plenty of headroom, a chunky steering wheel and clearly legible minor controls. If you'd prefer something a bit more outre and personalised, then it's simple to step up to the brand's trendier ADAM model, though you'd need a bigger budget to do that. At 3,700mm long, the Viva is marginally longer than a Fiat 500 but has space for five inside (just!) due to a wheelbase that's fully 100mm longer than that of a Peugeot 108.

There's only only a single five-door bodystyle and a single 1.0-litre 75PS petrol engine on offer with drive via a manual gearbox. Prices start at around £8,000, ranging up to around £9,500 – competitive figures for the citycar segment. The VIVA range consists of two main spec levels: SE, and SL which is a trim name carried over from the original Vauxhall Viva. There are Air Con and ecoFLEX versions of the SE trim, giving a choice of four decently-specified models (SE, SE Air Con, SE ecoFLEX and SL). Both trims feature a tyre pressure monitoring system, city mode steering, lane departure warning, cruise control with speed limiter and front fog lights with cornering function. Safety items include ESP with traction control, cornering brake control, emergency brake assist, straight line stability control and hill start assist. All models also feature six airbags, AM/FM radio with aux-in and steering wheel controls, electric front windows, electric/heated mirrors and remote central door locking.

The green-minded VIVA SE ecoFLEX variant goes further, offering buyers a front lip spoiler, an extended rear spoiler with LED brake light and ultra-low rolling resistance tyres. At the top of the range, SL trim features electronic climate control, Morocanna seat trim, leather steering wheel and 15-inch alloy wheels. Other highlights include six speakers, USB audio connection, Bluetooth music streaming and mobile phone portal. Options available include a Winter Pack, rear parking sensors and an electric glass sliding sunroof.

The 1.0-litre engine makes some decent economy figures, with the ecoFLEX model, 65.7mpg on the combined fuel economy cycle. Even if you don't go for that version, you'll still see 62.8mpg. Around town, that figure drops to 52.3mpg in the ecoFEX and 50.4mpg in non-ecoFLEX branded cars. Emissions range between 99g/km and 104g/km, so choose carefully if you want to minimise your bills.

The Vauxhall Viva is relying on buyers to appreciate its common sense and its no nonsense approach to things. And it's hoping they'll value its maturity and quality over styling gimmicks and marketing stunts. Okay, so the Viva badge unashamedly plunders a bit of retro appeal, but Vauxhall needs this car to be noticed.

Ultimately though, the basics just have to be right for a model in this segment. Time will tell. The early signs look promising, Vauxhall having given this car every chance to succeed.

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Ticking all boxes for a city car

By Bill McCarthy

RENAULT says the latest version of it city car evolved 'from a clean sheet of paper.'

The French firm adds that this 'takes into account all the joys and stresses of living and driving in the cities it was primarily designed for.'

Cut through the advertising jargon and you can see what the company is getting at, with the new model seeming to tick all the boxes required of a city car runabout.

As for the clean sheet of paper, it is certainly different, having its engine in the rear, driving the rear wheels. This in turn means that the front wheel, unencumbered with drive shafts are capable of turning to 45 degrees, giving a turning circle like a black cab.

That is clearly a huge advantage with tight city parking spaces and sliding into gaps.

Like many cars in this segment, it has funky design, both inside and out, which can be further customised to suit owner requirements, has clean efficient engines and is fun to drive. Another innovation is the French firm's R & GO smartphone connectivity system, which, thanks to the radio, a universal cradle and a free-to-download app, owners have access to a variety of navigation, telephone, multimedia and trip computer functions as well as internet radio and a host of other practical features.

There are four trim levels, Expression, Play, Dynamique and Dynamique S and two versions of the three cylinder one-litre petrol engine delivering different power outputs.

Nearly 70mpg is claimed on the 70bhp model with the 90bhp version tested here offering a bit more grunt, with a respectable 0-60mph acceleration time of 10.8 seconds.

Pretty decent performance while delivering a claimed, but optimistic, 65-odd mpg with stop/start technology. Carbon emissions are also under the magic 100g/km.

It does look eye-catching with the now familiar large Renault diamond logo dominating the narrow grille.

The boxy style is well-disguised by smart body kit, body coloured bumpers, concealed rear door handles, neat new headlights with round daytime running lights and striking alloy wheels on this tested model.

Inside, what appears to be a spartan interior is cleverly jazzed up with with funky paintwork and dark plastic to dash and doors, steering wheel and gear shift and various surrounds. Hardly sumptuous, but certainly practical.

The dash itself is minimalist with one large central dial. Other controls and switches are handily placed.

In practical terms there are numerous cabin storage areas, three cupholders and a boot light.

Space

To overcome fears over losing boot space with a rear-mounted power unit, Renault has positioned the engine at an angle of 49 degrees so that it does not intrude into the boot, and in a rear-end collision it is pushed beneath the passenger cell.

Boot space is always going to be meagre on this type of car and the Twingo capacity is 188 litres. This can be increased to 219 litres setting the rear seat-backs in a 'cargo' position at 90 degrees, while still safely carrying two passengers in the back.

With the standard on all models 50/50 split-folding rear seats lowered, the boot volume is increased to 980 litres.

Standard kit is good with the the Expression featuring, electric power steering, electric front windows, remote central locking, a speed limiter, a height-adjustable steering wheel, a trip computer and gearchange indicator, a lane-change function for the indicators and automatic activation of the rear screen wiper when reverse gear is selected.

The Play version adds a height-adjustable driver's seat and steering wheel and 15-inch black two-tone wheel trims.

Dynamique adds 15-inch alloy wheels, pinstripe shoulder-line decals, front foglamps, electric heated door mirrors, cruise control, a lane departure warning system, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshift knob, white instrument backlighting, while Dynamique S TCe 90 adds the previously optional Sport Pack. This features an aluminium pedal set, red/black part leather upholstery and the red interior touch pack.

The safety equipment includes stability control, hill start, emergency braking, tyre pressure monitors and four airbags.

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Renault Twingo Dynamique ENERGY TCe 90 Stop & Start

Price: £11,695
Mechanical: 90bhp, 898cc, 3cyl petrol engine driving rear wheels via 5-speed manual gearbox
Max speed: 103mph
0-62mph: 10.8 seconds
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Princesses transported in econmical comfort to a magical land

By Matt Joy

In month two of driving the Lexus NX300h, Matt Joy puts it through its paces with a cross-channel trip to Disneyland Paris.

We live in a world dominated by speed. How fast your broadband is, how quickly your food arrives at your table and perhaps worst of all; how fast your car is. Even as someone who should technically be a responsible adult, I still get caught up in the big rush.

The Lexus NX300h is, by conventional measures, quick enough for modern driving with a top speed of 112mph and 0-62mph in 9.2 seconds, but in the last month, I've discovered one of its best qualities is how it makes me drive with calm restraint.

This is in part due to the cabin. You climb slightly up into the driver's seat, instantly giving you that commanding driving position which is why you would buy one in the first place. But the NX goes a step further, with a dashboard stacked so it sits up high with you, as well as a clever nod to the exterior in its shape.

Energy

Even the displays give you a gentle nudge in the right direction, if you wish. With the car in Sport mode there's a conventional rev counter illuminated in suitably racy red, but in Normal or Eco mode it instead indicates how efficiently you're driving. You can also bring up the energy flow meter between the dials or on the large screen, showing when the NX is running on petrol, electric or a combination. Competitive moron that I am, keeping it in EV mode for as long as possible becomes a game whilst remaining a good way of keeping emissions and consumption low.

Good consumption was on the priority list, however, for a family trek to Disneyland Paris. Normally I'd advocate a flight, but the NX had the right amount of room on board for two princesses (and me) and all the luggage that comes with that. There's also an argument that eight hours on motorways and autoroutes is still less stressful than 30 seconds in a UK airport in June.

And so it proved. Two four hour stints behind the wheel, even starting at 4.15am, were as easy as they could be on the driver thanks to the comfort on offer.

Better still, the radar-guided cruise control fitted to this luxury-spec model proved its worth yet again. Sure, you need to adapt your driving style slightly to keep things smooth, but do so and you're expending less effort than if you were taking full control yourself, and that pays off with less fatigue.

The excellent stereo system kept us entertained too, although I have yet to work out how to cancel the navigation announcements altogether; turning them down is fine, but the audio still pauses for an announcement that isn't there. My money is still on operator error, but if you will let Mickey Mouse behind the wheel...

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Lexus NX 300h Luxury, from £34,495

Engine: 2.5-litre petrol engine and electric motors, together producing 192bhp
Transmission: E-CVT automatic driving all four wheels.
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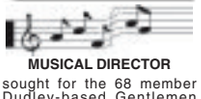

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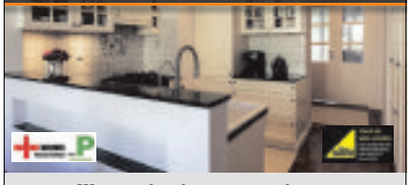

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Jackett will trial new ways to push for Premier

KENNY JACKETT is to continue trialling Wolves' new formation in pre-season – as he looks to engineer a Plan B for their promotion charge.

Wolves lined up with a 4-3-1-2 system against Paris FC, playing with a midfielder behind the front two.

Jackett will be wary of avoiding a slump like the one seen last season when he admitted Wolves had been 'worked out' when they lost five on the spin.

That run arguably cost them a shot at automatic promotion, let alone the play-offs.

And Jackett said Wolves should take the example of champions Watford who regularly used two systems.

Of the new system, he said: "I won't be frightened to use it.

"I've used that diamond formation and I think it can give you some control through midfield.

"You have to have the right balance. We'll see if that works for us going forward. I wasn't disappointed in that particular game what it brought and I could see some possibilities.

"You do need two systems and hopefully we'll be able to go from on to the other and it be seamless and not disrupt your flow and actually improve the team."

Asked if playing 4-3-1-2 could help negate the loss of Bakary Sako, Jackett said: "Certainly if you can put one attacking midfield player behind the strikers with the responsibility to get goals, it is one way of hoping you can get a third player in that could score.

"I don't necessarily think we've got wide men who are going to get 15 goals."

Six goal saga goes to the wire

AFC Wulfrunians 3 Hednesford Town 3

HEDNESFORD Town continued their pre-season campaign with a high-scoring affair against AFC Wulfrunians.

Following the previous 1-1 draw against Walsall Wood, Rob Smith's side took on opposition from the Midland Premier League for the second game in succession.

There were a total of four changes from the first game with Jon Adams and Tom France coming into the side alongside two trialists in Tyrone Williams and Sean Williams.

It was the Pitmen that would open the scoring in just the fifth minute as Paul Ennis swept home a free kick from 20 yards out. The home side responded well though and were level in the 17th minute when a good ball down the right saw the Wulfs' winger pick out Ricky Anslow who made no mistake from 12 yards.

It would be three minutes into the second half before the next goal arrived as the home team were awarded a penalty following a foul by goalkeeper Dave Parton. Up stepped former Hednesford midfielder Jake Sedgemore to slot home from the penalty spot to make it 2-1.

Following a flurry of quick substitutions Hednesford drew themselves level on the night as one of those replacements, Andy Todd, picked out Ennis with a pinpoint cross and the striker headed home into the net on the hour mark.

Two minutes from time Smith's side thought they had scored the goal which had won the game when Stan Mugisha rifled home.

It wasn't to be the end of the scoring though, as with virtually the last kick of the game, the home team's Jake King broke clear before rounding Parton and slotting home into an empty net to deny the visitors a victory.

Hednesford Town: Parton, Disney, Tilt, Bailey, Williams (T), Trainer, Adams, Williams (S), Perry, Ennis, France. **Subs:** Craddock, Sanders, Mugisha, Todd, Robinson

Pulis is confident Saido will be ready

ALBION boss Tony Pulis is confident Saido Berahino will be ready for the start of the Premier League season after the striker stepped up his recovery in the United States.

Berahino scored the opening goal in lat week's 2-1 win at Charleston Battery in his first game since suffering a summer knee injury.

That ruled him out of England's European Under-21s Championship campaign and the Baggies' fitness camp in Austria, but he travelled to America and played in South Carolina after missing the opening tour game in Orlando.

Pulis said: "I don't think he's too far behind. I think he's quite a naturally fit lad. But he will need more game time.

"I'm confident he'll be ready for Man City – no problems.

"Saido makes a big difference and in the first half we played really well, controlled the game and had lots of opportunities to score.

"In the second half we changed the team.

"I was pleased. The most important thing was the fitness of the players and we've got everybody through.

"There were one or two little niggles at the end but that was the second game in three days, then we knew we only had a day's rest before we played the third game.

"It's an important week or 10 days and hopefully they are gleaning more strength and fitness from it."

Defenders Craig Dawson and Joleon Lescott picked up thigh and hip injuries respectively at the Blackbaud Stadium but neither is thought to be seriously troubled.

Brown Ideye also bagged his first goal of pre-season.

Wolves edge match behind closed doors

Walsall 2 Wolves 3

WOLVES and Walsall sharpened their skills against each other in a behind-closed-doors friendly.

The fixture, at the Saddlers' training ground in Essington, saw Wolves run out narrow 3-2 winners in a match split into three 30-minute spells.

Kenny Jackett's side took a 2-0 lead thanks to two strikes from Dutchman Rajiv van La Parra.

But Walsall hit back with Jordan Cook scoring a spectacular strike from the halfway line immediately after the second 30-minute period got under way.

The Saddlers then got back on level terms when midfielder Reece Flanagan won the ball in midfield before cutting inside and firing into the net.

The visitors line-up featured first-team stars alongside van La Parra with Matt Doherty, James Henry, Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Jack Price all involved.

Bolster

The Saddlers, who played Nike Academy in a similar friendly last week, included a number of trialists in their squad, as they look to bolster their ranks in time for the season kick-off on August 8.

Walsall manager Dean Smith said: "We were able to try out three different formations, have a look at a few trialists and also try out players in various positions.

"It was a terrific work-out for us and I am thankful to Wolves for providing the opposition. It was a competitive game with some good football from both teams.

"Jordan Cook scored a wonder goal right from kick-off. He spotted the keeper was off his line and the ball just sailed in – you don't see one of those very often.

"Reece Flanagan also scored a really good goal.

"It was a really good work-out for both teams and I know Kenny Jackett appreciated it.

"I'm pleased with where we're at fitness-wise and the two training games we've had over the past couple of weeks have certainly benefitted us.

"We're not far off where I want us to be. The Wolves game gave us plenty of positives."

Meanwhile, new recruit Jason Demetriou says he enjoying life with the Saddlers after five years playing in Cyprus.

"I've settled in really well, it's such a good club," the right-back said. "All the lads get on really well, it's not very often that you see a group of players who get on as well as they do here."

Under-9s team are no soft touch

Himley Cricket Club's Under-9s soft ball team who have just won the North Worcestershire title

HIMLEY Cricket Club is celebrating due to its Under-9s winning the North Worcestershire Softball title.

At the weekend Himley Under-9s won the title at Stourbridge cricket Club .

The Softball Competition started at the beginning of May with 20 teams entered on a group basis with the four qualifying group winners playing each other on Sunday. Their opponents were Enville CC, Ombersley CC and their own teammates as Himley had two teams in the top group.

Himley A won all three matches and the reserve team one game meaning that out of the original 20 teams entered, the club made the remarkable achievement of finishing first and third.

Both now go on to play in the County Finals

Delph's City U-turn angers the Villa fans

VILLA have been left in turmoil with skipper Fabian Delph moving to Manchester City – after another stunning U-turn.

The 25-year-old skipper underwent a medical at City, less than a week after turning down an £8million switch and pledging his future to Villa and agreed a five-year deal in Manchester.

With Christian Benteke also closing in on a move to Liverpool, boss Tim Sherwood is facing up to life without his two most important players just three weeks before the start of the new Premier League season.

Without question, it is Delph's exit which will leave Sherwood and supporters with the bitterest of tastes in the mouth with many turning to social media to vent their fury at the betrayal. Recently, the England international had silenced speculation by stating he would stay at Villa. It has been reported Delph would move to City after they met the £8million release clause.

Beacon have to dig in to earn a draw

Tales From The Bratch

BEACON were forced to dig in for a draw as their push for Staffs Clubs Premier Division glory stuttered at Aldridge.

An off day with the bat left Beacon holding on at 173-9 in reply to Aldridge's 200-9.

Jason Swan top-scored with 33 for Beacon before Mike Brookes (25 not out) and last man Matthew Briggs put on an unbroken 30-run stand to deny the hosts victory.

James Fildes and Richard Wissing had both earlier bagged four wickets for Beacon.

The result saw second-placed Lichfield cut Beacon's lead at the top of the table to 20 points. Will Hartwell was the star of the show in the second team's victory over Aldridge.

Hartwell picked up three wickets and then struck an unbeaten 124 as Beacon powered to a nine-wicket success. Ed Steventon (44no) and Sam Flavell (35) provided Hartwell with support to help Beacon chase down Aldridge's 234-9.

Four Four Two names Jackett as top dog

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has been named the best manager in the Football League by Four Four Two magazine.

The publication looked into the achievements of all managers plying their trade across the Championship, League One and League Two with Jackett coming out on top.

The 53-year-old was declared the winner thanks to his promotion achievements with former clubs Swansea and Millwall.

He was also praised for the way he led Wolves into the Championship and then to the brink of the play-offs last season.

The magazine voted Birmingham's Gary Rowett as the second best boss outside the Premier League following his success with the Blues after leaving Burton.

Mcdonald's future 'needs sorting quickly'

Football

THE future of unsettled Wolves midfielder Kevin McDonald needs sorting soon, boss Kenny Jackett has urged.

McDonald was left out of Saturday's 1-0 win over Burton Albion with the Wolves chief feeling the 26-year-old wasn't in the right frame of mind to play.

Wolves have rejected two bids from Fulham for the Scot, who has a year left on his current contract.

And the saga is in danger of derailing Jackett's plans for the new season, which is now less than three weeks away.

Jackett reiterated his desire to keep McDonald at the club and said: "It's one that we do want resolved and it's one that we do need to come to a conclusion because the most important thing is Wolves starting the season well and Kevin McDonald is a big player for us.

"I want him here and I want him part of it.

"They're positive negotiations that are ongoing. And for him it's about him being happy here, settling himself down, seeing where his future is clear and straightforward.

"We both need to get to that point as the start of the season is coming very quickly."

McDonald rejected Wolves' opening offer of a new contract, feeling it was a 'basic' increase that didn't show the club were fighting to keep him.

However, Wolves believed the contract on the table to be more than reasonable and the two camps have since been at stalemate.

Of leaving him out for the Burton game, Jackett said: "He wasn't selected for the game by myself, he's unsettled with his ongoing contractual situation so I decided not to play him and look at other combinations."

Unsettled

Did McDonald himself refuse to play? "No, I decided," Jackett said. "He would have played if I'd have told him to but I felt he was unsettled and then took the decision to let him think about the situation."

Fulham, who recently snapped up former Wolves man Jamie O'Hara, had two bids of around £1m for McDonald rejected.

However they are not short of cash and yesterday sold teenage starlet Patrick Roberts to Manchester City for a £2m fee, rising to £8m with add-ons.

Meanwhile, James Henry could leave Wolves, Jackett has admitted, amid interest from Charlton Athletic.

Reports from London suggested Charlton had bid £500,000 for winger Henry, who didn't feature in Saturday's 1-0 win at Burton Albion.

The Wolves head coach said those reports were incorrect and that Charlton had only inquired about Henry's availability for now.

But Jackett didn't rule out the fact Henry could leave Wolves.

"There isn't a move imminent although Charlton have made an inquiry, although no more than that," he said.

When asked if he was looking to move Henry on, Jackett said: "We'll see. For James he's inside the last year of his contract and we'll see over the coming weeks how he figures for Wolves and exactly where he fits it.

"There was an inquiry but there hasn't been anything more than that. He was fit but wasn't selected."

Henry played 40 times for Wolves.

Lalkovic vow as he signs for Saddlers

MILAN LALKOVIC has vowed to pick up where he left off after rejoining Walsall.

The 22-year-old Slovakian became Dean Smith's third signing of the summer when he agreed a one-year deal with the Saddlers.

Lalkovic became a firm favourite with the fans when he spent the 2013/14 season at the Banks's on loan from Chelsea and came close to joining permanently 12 months ago following his release from Stamford Bridge.

Now, after a frustrating year which included fruitless spells in the Czech Republic with Mlada Boleslav and then back in League One with Barnsley, he is eager to make up for lost time.

"I just want to kick on again from where I left," he said.

Defeat keeps Wolves on the bottom

WOLVERHAMPTON remain bottom of the Elite League table after suffering a 56-37 defeat against King's Lynn at the Adrian Flux Arena.

The Parrys International Wolves saw their poor run of form continue with another forgettable evening which saw them slump to their ninth defeat in ten meetings.

After a sluggish start, the Monmore men hit back with a 7-2 led by a tactical ride win for the determined Jacob Thorssell in heat eight moving them within seven points.

Yet the hosts stormed to heat advantages in six of the final seven races to condemn Wolves to a comprehensive loss.

Thorssell led Wolves admirably as he notched two of their three race wins, whilst Swedish compatriot Freddie Lindgren fought hard for his eight points.

However, Lindgren was disappointed to see his side well beaten as their away troubles continued.

Lindgren said: "It's really tough for the whole team at the moment, we just aren't firing at all.

"We were never really in contention tonight, everyone seemed to struggle for speed and we just weren't good enough.

"Jacob was probably our best rider, and I tried my best but we are really struggling and tonight wasn't any different unfortunately."

Whilst Lindgren appeared to have much more pace he could not match flying Danish duo Niels-Kristian Iversen and Kenneth Bjerre.

With skipper Peter Karlsson enduring a nightmare night and fellow heat-leader Ricky Wells also failing to record a race win, Wolves again lacked firepower.

Tobiasz Musielak was involved in some close racing as he ended with 5+1 on his first visit to the Adrian Flux Arena, whilst Lewis Blackbird and Josh Bates delivered Wolves' only 5-1 in the second reserves race.

However, by that point it was too little too late.

Wolverhampton 37: Jacob Thorssell 10, Fredrik Lindgren 8, Tobiasz Musielak 5+1, Lewis Blackbird 5+1, Josh Bates 4+1, Ricky Wells 4, Peter Karlsson 1.

There could be no way back for unfit Razak

RAZAK BOUKARI will not be part of Kenny Jackett's Wolves plans – until the winger can prove his fitness.

The £2.5m signing has only featured four times in the league during three years at the club and has just 12 months left on his current deal.

He has been injury-free since March but returned for pre-season training unable to sprint at full speed.

Jackett last week revealed his disappointment with Boukari, saying his lack of fitness was 'very poor'.

And he is discounting the Togo international until that situation changes.

"If somebody's injured or not quite there then it's hard to plan with them," Jackett said.

"He's done some football sessions, but again in those sessions he didn't feel 100 per cent.

"Until he does present himself 100 per cent fit and says he's ready then it can't be something that I'm considering."

Wolves faced Burton Albion on Saturday in their first domestic pre-season fixture of the campaign.

But Boukari didn't feature in that game and will be assessed again this week.

"If I'm planning for this week, working around the games, the team on Saturday going forward towards Blackburn.

"You're formulating those things and then injured players do go on the back-burner for you.

"You speak to your physio but it's really on to somebody else and that's where it's been with Razak.

"I want some competition."

It's all White on the night for Libra in tussle for top

SAPPHETS and Libra Lea White met for the decider at the top of the Wolverhampton City Netball League.

Libra Lea won 20-18. In the Seconds Libra Lea Navy and Whitmore Y were tied at the top but Libra took the title with a better goal average. The Thirds saw Sam 2 take top spot and team mates Sam 4 right behind for second place.

Blaze and Wordsley Storks both tied at the top of the Fourths, Blaze with a slightly better goal average take the title.

The Fifths saw Wt Wanderers beat Jupiter 25-24 and the Ice Girls were swept away by Sedgley Sirens 22-11.

Thundercats taking the title with newly formed Crescent 2 doing well in their first season to take second place.

Firsts: Crescent 1 33 (5) Chasetown Mix 30 (2); Ladybirds 22 (1) Phoenix 31 (5); Sapphets 18 (2) Libra Lea White 20 (5); Whitmore X 37 (5) Dolls 28 (1).

Seconds: Whitmore T 29 (5); Phoenix Scorpions 17 (1); Libra Lea Navy 15 (1) Phoenix Hornets 26 (5).

Thirds: Amec Ladies 9 (0) Sam 3 29 (5); Stourbridge Jets 20 (5) Cresta 17 (2); Whitmore A 20 (1) Sam 4 26 (5).

Fourths: Oddessy 17 (5) Breezers 16 (2); Whitmore Z 24 (5) Inspire 23 (2); Diamonds 21 (2) Blaze 25 (5); Wordsley Storks 28 (5) Roldec 15 (1).Libra Lea Aqua 28 (5) Lunes 16 (1).

Fifths: Jupiter 24 (2) Wt Wanderers 25 (5); Crescent 2 33 (5) Allsortz 8 (0); Sedgley Sirens 22 (5) Ice 11 (1); Thundercats 28 (5) Zimmers 21 (1).

Jessica ready to paddle opposition

IT WILL not be long before Jessica Bromley is rubbing shoulders with the most famous celebrities and public figures on the planet.

The 34-year-old table tennis wonder will be flying out to the United States later this month to participate in the Special Olympic Games.

The Games are being hailed as the 'Obama-led Olympics' – with the US President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle set to be present and very much involved in the Los Angeles action.

Jessica, from Penn, is from a table tennis-loving family — her mum Jill and step-father Kevin Watt are both joining the athletes on the plane as coaches, while younger sister Vicky used to play at a highly-competitive level.

And Kevin revealed it has been like a young family on Christmas Eve in the Bromley household.

He said: "It's been a tough two years since she was selected. A lot of preparations, hard work and training.

"Jess is so excited but also nervous. But her mum is more nervous. It's easier for me, I can add that calmness and control to it.

"It is the biggest national competition in world this year, 7,500-plus entrants and 5,000 coaches. It's a huge event. Every four years, the year before the Olympics.

Allowed

"Other than the Olympic Games, it is the only other event allowed to use 'Olympics' in title.

"Jess was at a training weekend in Crewe recently and she absolutely worked her socks off."

The Games are held, like the Olympics, every four years, previously in Athens and Shanghai in 2011 and 2007, respectively.

While she is now excelling with a paddle, Jessica — who has learning disabilities and the condition Raynaud's syndrome, which affects the blood supply to parts of the body, usually fingers and toes — is no stranger to the sporting field.

Kevin added: "She was also a gymnast from the age of 14, so she's multi-talented.

"Jessica swam in the National Games in Glasgow in 2005 and then turned to table tennis. She is following in the footsteps of her sister, Vicky, 28, who was very competitive at a national level.

Jessica Bromley, aged 34, from Penn, off to represent Team GB at the Special Olympics

She was UK ranked No.1 and unbeaten in nationals.

"But Jessica is a joy to work with. She's definitely No.1 in the family now!"

But there is no doubt which member of the family keeps Jessica on her toes while she is preparing for the big stage.

"Most of her time she is looking after her cat, he's pure black, so obviously called Cole," added Kevin.

So what of Jessica chances? Her step-dad and coach is quietly optimistic but insists that is it all about how his star athlete can handle the bright lights.

Kevin said: "These are the first American Games since 1999. It will be typical States and all of the razzmatazz. It will be a huge show and that's not to mention the opening ceremony."

ESPN are broadcasting the event on American television, there are 24 sports in total across nine days of jam-packed sporting action.

Harriers hold their ground against Blues

Harriers1 Blues1

ASSISTANT boss Mark Creighton was impressed by the way Kidderminster Harriers stepped up their preparations for the new season with a well-deserved draw against Birmingham City at Aggborough.

Blues used the friendly to field a different side in each half, but were still unable to tame Harriers, who produced an encouraging display in their build up to their National League campaign which opens with a tough home clash against Grimsby Town on August 8.

"I think we frustrated two really good Birmingham sides," said Creighton, whose team went ahead on 68 minutes through trialist Adam Dawson.

Gary Rowett's Blues equalised seven minutes from time when Shane Lowry powered home.

Amavi aims to make an impact at Villa

NEW boy Jordan Amavi has expressed his desire to become a fans's favourite at Villa – as Christian Benteke's exit looms ever nearer.

Benteke was this week set to complete a medical ahead of his proposed £32.5million move to Liverpool.

Boss Tim Sherwood has already invested some of the cash from the sale of the 24-year-old Belgium striker to sign 21-year-old left-back Amavi from Nice for a fee believed to be in the region of £9million.

A France under-21 international, Amavi has set his sights firmly on success in the Premier League.

"I want to play well for this football club," he said. "I am determined to do that. I want to make rapid progress.

"I will be a decisive player."

Riders make a stunning comeback

WOLVES staged a stunning, late fightback to snatch a dramatic 47-46 victory over Elite League Champions Poole at Monmore Green.

Peter Adams' side demonstrated character and determination in abundance to prevail in a tense last heat decider and end their miserable run of six consecutive defeats.

With their confidence at rock bottom, they had been forced to battle hard to stay in contention early on before conceding back-to-back 5-1s in heats eight and nine to leave them on the ropes.

However, an 8-1 from Freddie Lindgren and Ricky Wells in heat 10 sparked them into life as they went on to edge a memorable win and climb off the bottom of the Elite League table.

The determined Wells and Tobiasz Musielak then forcefully hit the front in the penultimate race to give them a slender lead entering a nervy last heat decider – and Wells and Lindgren held their nerve to spark jubilant scenes on the terraces. It was fitting that the pair who had fought hard to keep them in contention early on and kick-started their comeback completed a fine effort to secure a much-needed win. Wells also proved his capabilities in the third heat-leader role, whilst skipper Karlsson bounced back from a tough start to perform vital heat 13 heroics.

With Musielak and Jacob Thorssell also delivering important contributions at second string plus Roynon battling hard in place of Blackbird at reserve, the Monmore men pulled off an unlikely comeback.

Wolves now aim for a repeat showing in the return fixture at Poole before hosting play-off chasing Swindon on Monday.

Man on the run Ashworth takes on smaller task

DAN Ashworth has been charged with bringing the World Cup to England in 2022, but he had another major challenge on his hands in Codsall on Sunday.

The FA's technical director took part in the first fun run to take place in the village for more than 20 years.

The former Albion director of football, who is from Tettenhall, was among 25 teams of four competitors who took to the streets and fields of the village for a relay race on Sunday afternoon.

It was organised by 16-year-old Thomas Telford School student Jamie Ward, a talented runner who represents England and the Wolverhampton & Bilston Athletics Club.

He was asked to get involved by the Codsall Community Group, which was formed in March 2014 with the aim of bringing local people together for a range of recreational activities.

Nick Loftus, chairman of Codsall Community Group, said he was pleased to see a community running event return to the village.

"The last time there was any sort of event like this in the village was back in the early 1990s," said Mr Loftus.

Coady loving life with new club Wolves

Football

RECENT signing Conor Coady got his first 90 minutes of pre-season under his belt and declared – 'I'm loving life at Wolves'.

The 22-year-old joined the club from Huddersfield earlier this month and has settled straight in at Molineux, featuring in all three of Wolves' friendlies so far.

Coady is likely to be a key player for Wolves this season after starring for Huddersfield in the Championship last year.

And he said he was glad to play his first full game of the pre-season campaign in Wolves' 1-0 win over Burton.

"It's always needed to get that first 90 minutes under your belt and we can move on to next week now," Coady said. "I loved the game, it was great to get back out in front of a proper crowd and there were a lot of Wolves supporters there which was good for us.

"We've been speaking about the winning mentality all week, to take into the start of the season.

"It was a step up from France, Burton gave us a tough game and tried to stop us playing and that stifled us a bit.

"We needed to play in behind a bit more but that's what pre-season is for – we'll learn from that."

Coady had praise for Benik Afobe, who starred in the 1-0 win in a different role at the head of the midfield.

"Benik's the type of player, if you get him on the ball he'll make things happen," Coady said. "Everyone saw how good he was last season and I think he's raring to go again.

"It's about us as a team, passing and getting on the ball and trying to get him in spaces where he can hurt teams."

"I'm loving it here," he said.

WOLVES GO FOR BURTON

Burton 0 Wolves 1

AS THINGS became decidedly unsettled off the field, the opposite was true for Wolves on it.

A regulation 1-0 victory, another clean sheet, some encouraging displays and 90 minutes under the belt for five players made this a successful day out for Kenny Jackett's team.

But with Wolves' squad still looking thin – even before James Henry's likely exit to Charlton – and Kevin McDonald's increasingly-ugly contract saga showing no signs of a conclusion, all is not rosy for Jackett.

McDonald's absence from the team, despite being named in the original squad for Wolves' first friendly on English soil this season, raised eyebrows before kick-off. And after the game Jackett confirmed McDonald was 'unsettled' and so had been left out.

It led Jackett to field the soon-to-be-loaned Lee Evans in a team he pledged would be his strongest possible, with Tommy Rowe and Michael Jacobs again given opportunities to stake claims for wide berths.

Most surprising of all in the team selection was Benik Afobe's starting position – essentially an advanced midfielder.

Diamond

After experimenting with a diamond formation in France, Jackett went 4-4-1-1 this time, but Afobe could pop up wherever he pleased.

His performance was the highlight of the afternoon. He was at the heart of Wolves' most attractive interplay, picked up the ball from deep and ran at Burton's defenders, and even sauntered back to defensive midfield to spray the ball around with comfortable assuredness.

Afobe also created the game's only goal, jumping on a defensive error before feeding Nouha Dicko, who coolly beat Burton keeper Jon McLaughlin.

The former Arsenal forward should have doubled the lead but hit the post when through on goal – a chance he will surely snaffle when fully match-sharp come season time.

Of Afobe's role, Jackett said: "I felt that Benik playing just behind Dicko is a threat.

"It gives him a little bit more licence to go wherever he feels. He wants to be able to go long and short, which is very important for us.

"Him having that freedom in that role is a big thing."

A draw wouldn't have flattered newly-promoted League One side Burton hit the post in the second minute after Carl Ikeme dropped a regulation save and Wolves were indebted to some last-ditch blocks in the closing stages, particularly from substitutes Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Matt Doherty, in what was a clumsy end to the game.

A number of second-half substitutions led to Wolves looking 'disjointed', to use Jackett's post-match assessment, and this was where Wolves' squad depth was shown up. Elsewhere Tommy Rowe looked tidy on the left, Conor Coady was full of energy and bite in midfield and Richard Stearman and Kortney Hause formed a solid centre-back partnership.

Jackett now has just three games in which to fine-tune his team ready for a promotion charge.

And improvements will need to be shown before August 8, as for all the steady positives Wolves certainly aren't ready yet. While their controlled midfield interplay was fine they often lacked vigour.

Nouha Dicko of Wolverhampton Wanderers in action in the pre-season against Burton

McCarey is given ban but can play

WOLVES goalkeeper Aaron McCarey has vowed to make the most of his "second chance" now he is once again free to play.

The 23-year-old has been suspended for four months by the FA, after testing positive for a non-performance enhancing substance.

But with the ban backdated to April 21 – the date of the original suspension – and the rest suspended for two years, the shotstopper is once again available for selection and was due to make his return for the under-21s at Corby Town.

McCarey, who stated throughout he had not knowingly taken the substance, admits he feared at one stage his career might be over.

He said: "It is a second chance, if you like and I am really grateful to have it.

"At one point I thought my career was finished. It has been a long three months."

McCarey added: "I understand some fans will always have a question and maybe not believe I am saying."

And he said: "I'm sorry the good name of the club has been dragged into this situation but hopefully this will draw a line under it and we can move on."

The ruling followed an FA investigation following the failed test.

Wolves head coach Kenny Jackett said: "Aaron has maintained all along that he has no idea how the drug entered his system.

"Medical and scientific analysis, commissioned by the Professional Footballers' Association on behalf of Aaron, and including a hair follicle test requested by the player himself, also showed that the trace amount was very small and backed up Aaron's statement."

McClean is told to shake off stigma

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has urged summer signing James McClean to shake off the 'stigma' surrounding him after holding talks about the winger's snub of the English flag.

Pulis held a meeting with McClean in the wake of the incident on the club's pre-season tour of America in which he refused to face the cross of St George during the national anthem.

And the Baggies boss has warned McClean, who is from a republican background in Northern Ireland, to protect his reputation.

"Obviously there has been a stigma around him and he doesn't need to start that up again," said Pulis. "So hopefully we've nipped it in the bud."

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